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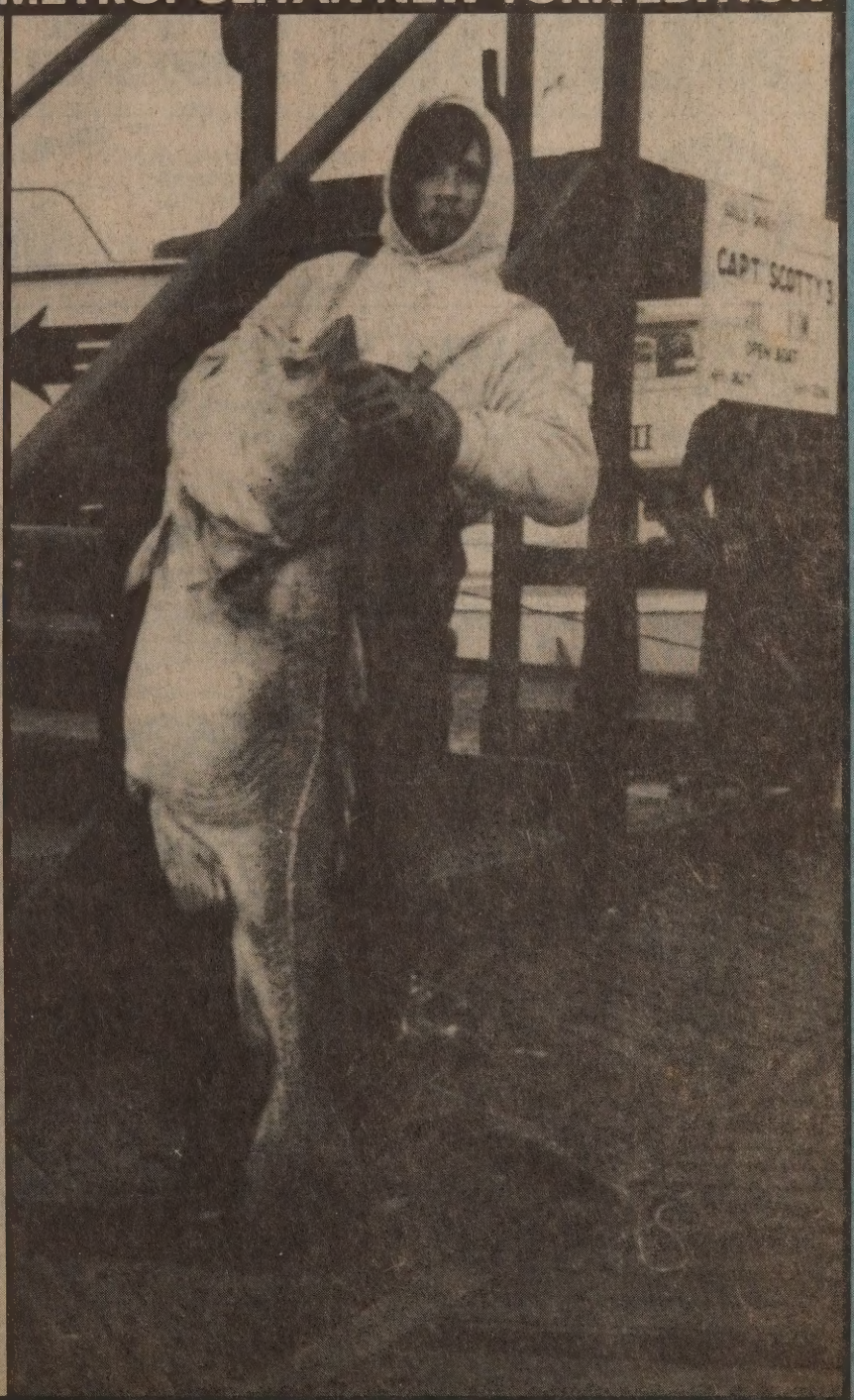

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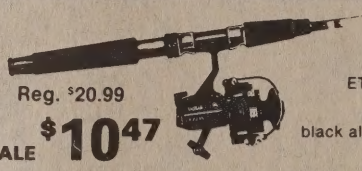

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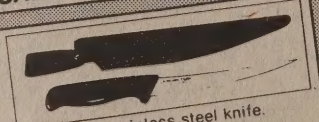

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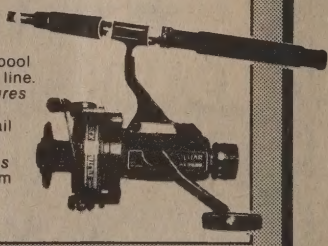

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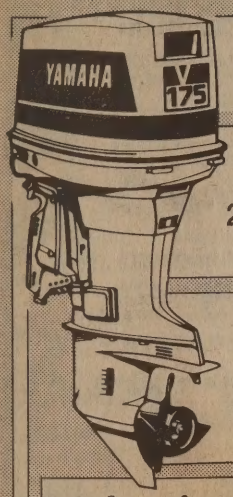

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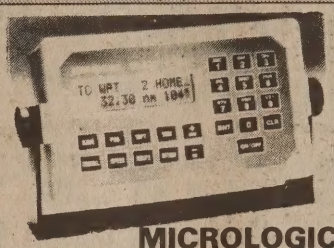

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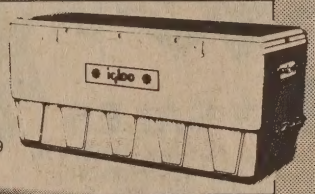

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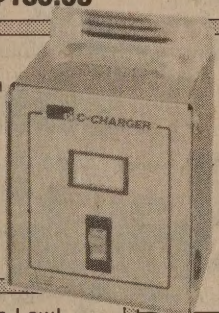

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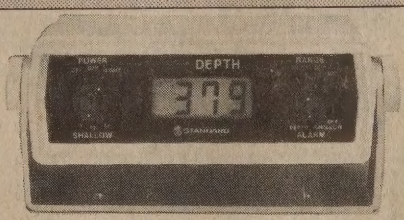

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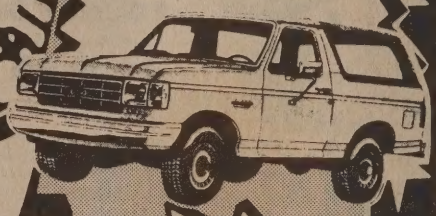

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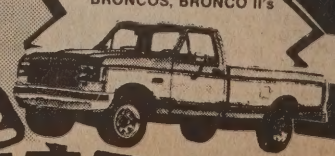

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One of the season's largest cod is held aloft by Wayne Tweedy. Wayne caught the big soaker aboard his dad's Captree based open boat, Capt. Scotty 3 back on January 27. It was culled from a wreck south of Fire Island and tipped the scale at 62 pounds.

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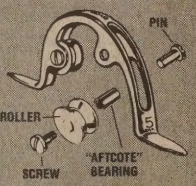

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Henry Williams announced publicly on Friday, February 27th, the intention to reopen the striped bass fishery for recreational anglers pending a period of public comment. Final regulations will be announced after April 17th. Proposed for the 1987 season is a one-fish per day bag limit for fish measuring 33 inches or more in length. A ban on the sale of striped bass will remain in effect under the proposed changes. Governor Mario Cuomo voiced his support for the Commissioner's decision.

MORICHES ANGLERS SHARK TOURNEY

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For more information, contact Chet Wilcos at B&B Tackle, Center Moriches, at (516) 878-9280, or write to Moriches Anglers Inc., P.O. Box 193, Center Moriches, NY 11934.

COMMENTS SOUGHT FROM READERS AND EXHIBITORS ON BOAT AND SPORT SHOWS

The Fisherman would like to hear from readers and exhibitors who have attended any of the recent area boat or sport shows in our area. We are looking for your comments, both pro and con, and any suggestions you might have on how these shows can be improved.

The shows of primary concern include the Long Island Boat Show at Nassau Coliseum, The Sportsman's Expo at Nassau Coliseum, National Sportsmen's Expo at Jacob Javits Convention Center and the New York Boat Show, also at the Jacob Javits Convention Center.

Please direct your comments to: The Fisherman, c/o Chum Lines, P.O. Box 1994, Bridge St., Sag Harbor, NY 11963.

STRIPER SURF CLUB AWARDS DINNER

On March 21, 1987 the Striper Surf Club held its Annual Awards Dinner at Reinharts Restaurant in Bayville, NY and the following awards were presented for surf-caught striped bass, over 15 lbs.:

Most striped bass in surf: Jack Driscoll; 2nd most striped bass in surf: Ira Friedman; 3rd most striped bass in surf: Leif Gobel; 4th most striped bass in surf: John Williams; and 5th most striped bass in surf: Peter Kane.

Largest striped bass in surf: Ira Friedman, 51 lbs. 9 oz.; largest striped bass in surf NY: John Williams, 42 lbs. 8 oz.

The following officers were installed for 1987: President, Tony Iesu; 1st Vice Pres., Nick Schiaralli; 2nd Vice Pres., Bob Pasucci; Corres. Sec'y., Frank Demmerle; Recording sec'y, Mike Lynch; Treasurer, Jack Driscoll; Sgt. At Arms, Tom Incantalupo.

The club will be holding an open meeting in the near future for anyone interested in joining one of Long Island's oldest striped bass surf fishing clubs. Anyone interested in attending can call Nick Schiralli at (516) 531-7434 as to the date, time and location.

SPORT FISHING FORUM AUCTION AT SUNY, OLD WESTBURY

The 1987 New York Sport Fishing Forum-Auction, bigger and better than ever before, will open its doors from 9AM to 5PM at its new location, the Campus Center at SUNY-Old Westbury on Saturday, March 14th.

In constructing this year's Forum-Auction, the committee tried to follow the recommendations of last year's analysis survey:

1. Move it to a more central location (from Speonk to Old Westbury).
2. Move to a larger facility to accommodate more people.
3. Too much time devoted to issues and not enough to fishing.

We totally removed the issues segments. The entire production will deal with fishing, from large lectures to small hands-on workshops.

4. A better date—from January to March.

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2. We will culminate our annual membership drive with a free drawing for members for a week in the Florida Keys and other prizes.
3. We will have a door prize of a day's fishing on Great South Bay with Capt. A. Lorenzetti.
4. We will have a mammoth auction of donated items to help finance the activities of the Federation.

The auction has developed a great deal of interest nationwide from our friends in the tackle and electronics business. The list of contributors is like a Who's Who in the industry: Lowrance, Plano, Luhr-Jensen, Aftco, Cannon, Ande, Mustad, Eagle Claw, Penn, Berkley, Fiskars, Boone, Mold Craft, Buck, Bead Chain, So-Lo, IGFA, Tempress, and the Salt Water Sportsman.

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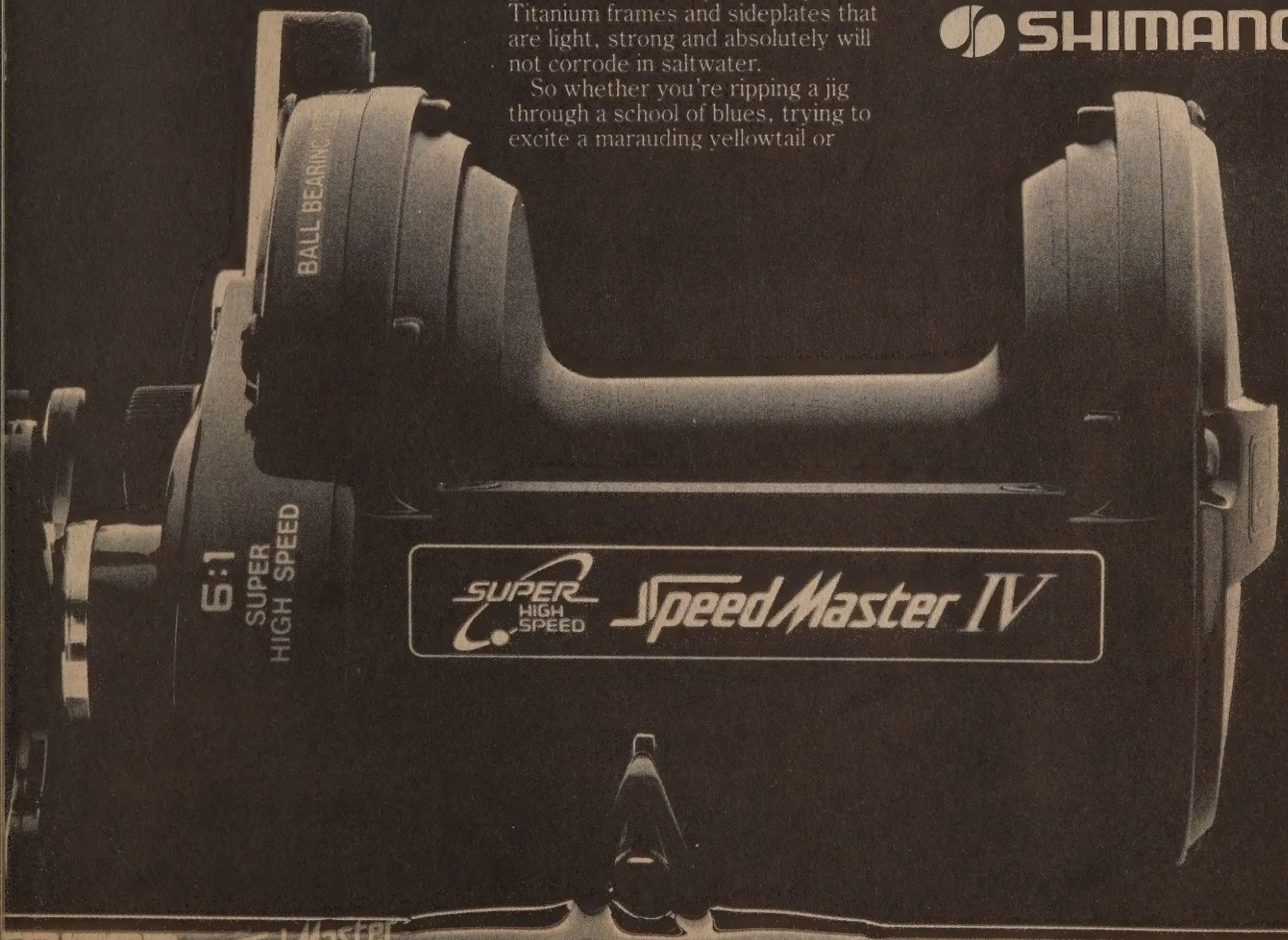

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The auction will also feature a turkey hunting trip with Bob Johnson, surf charter with Fred Golofaro of The Fisherman, duck hunting with Nick Karas of Newsday, offshore and inshore charters, 2 round trip tickets to Orlando from the Boston Finance Co. of West Islip and a fishing vacation to Port of the Islands in Marco, Florida.

These and others that are arriving daily will be auctioned at a fraction of their value on the 14th.

The entire proceeds of the Forum-Auction, which is being co-sponsored by the New York Sea Grant Extension Program, will enhance the activities of the Federation, a non-profit corporation designed to promote sport fishing and the conservation of our marine resources. The Federation is currently involved with the striped bass issue, the dredging and reconstruction of South Shore inlets, saltwater fishing license, legislation involving out of state bunker fleets off the north shore beaches, management plans for bluefish, weakfish and swordfish, sit on a number of local, state, regional and national advisory councils.

Lunch will be served in the University Cafeteria in the same building. Tickets are $5 through the mail: New York Sport Fishing Federation, Box 240, Oakdale 11769 or at the door.

BOATING SEMINAR AT SHANE'S MARINE

On Saturday, March 7th and Sunday, March 8th, Shane's Marine will be holding an educational and informative seminar at their Babylon store located at 124 East Main Street, Babylon, New York regarding different topics of interest to the boating community. At the present time, there are four scheduled guest speakers: John Raguso, most noted for his wreck fishing series in The Fisherman magazine; Nick Karas, Newsday's fishing columnist; Bill Korbell, WOR radio head meteorologist (speaking on predicting weather at sea) and a United States Coast Guard representative addressing the responsibilities of the Coast Guard and the boater alike.

The scheduled times of the seminar are as follows:

On Saturday, March 7th, three seminars: session 1 at 9:30AM; session 2 at 12:30PM and session 3 at 3:30PM.

On Sunday, March 8th, two seminars: session 1 at 10AM and session 2 at 1PM.

In addition to the aforementioned seminar speakers, leading industry manufacturers will be present displaying their New for 1987 equipment and will be available to answer any questions. Manufacturers represented include Si-Tex, Micrologic, Mars Radar, Icom, Switlik, Ray Jefferson,

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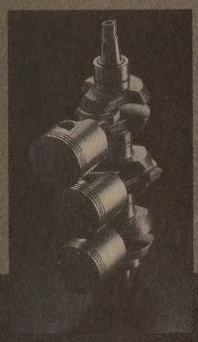

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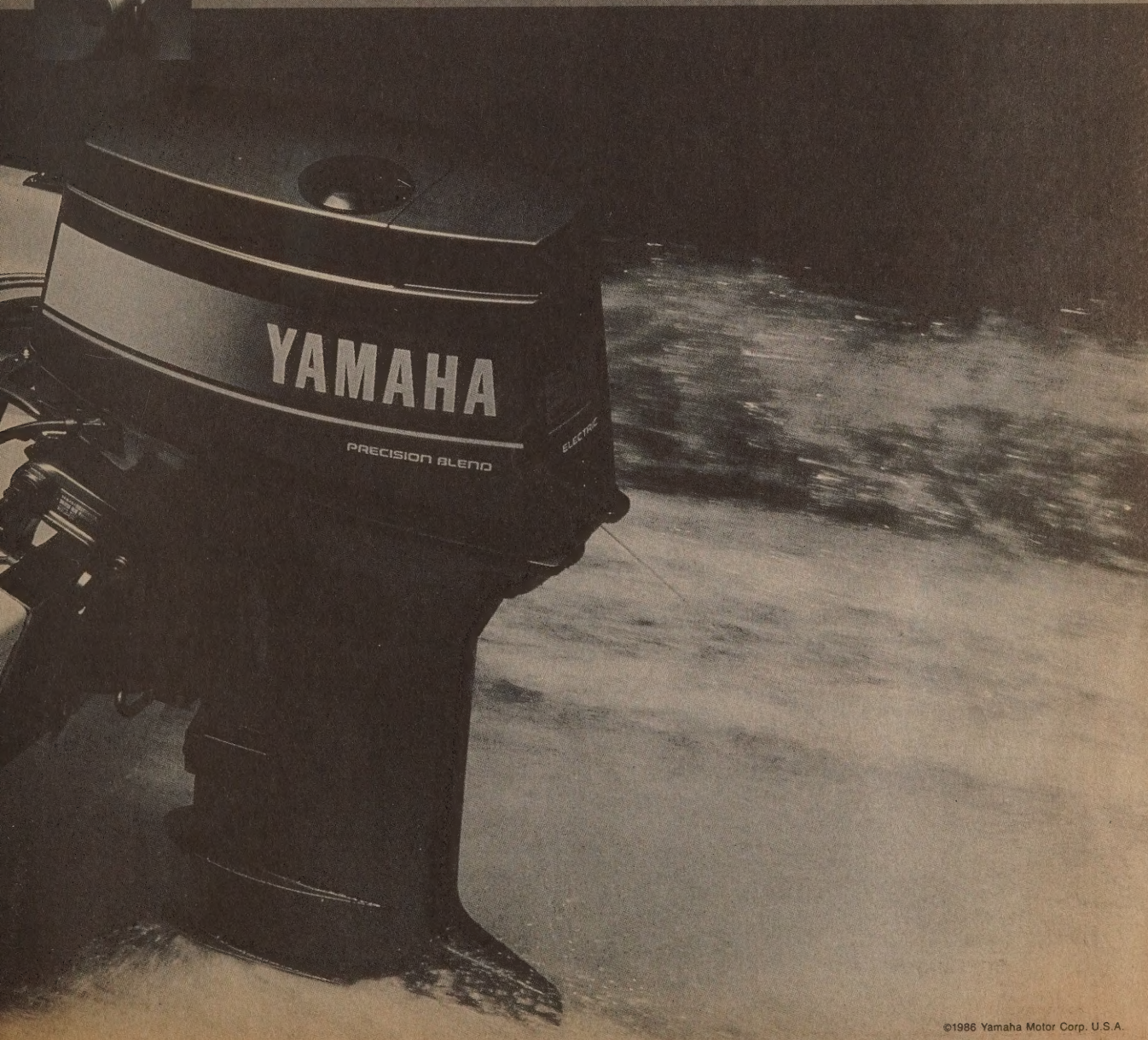

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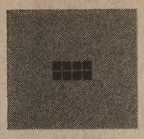

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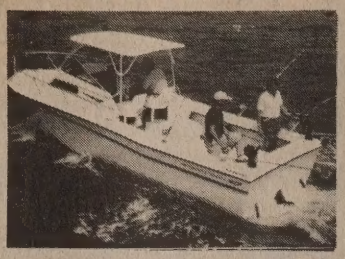

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BOATING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP COURSE IN PLAINEDGE

Beginning Monday, March 9th, Flotilla 13-10 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be offering a free Safe Boating Course at the Sylvia Packard Middle School in the Plainedge School District. The course will be given for 9 consecutive Monday evenings from 8 to 10PM. Enrollment will be limited on a first come, first served basis to the first 30 students enrolled.

This very informative course is the most extensive offered by the Auxliary. Interesting and practical topics, such as boat handling, rules of the road, aids to navigation, charts and compass, piloting, weather, radiotelephone and marine engines will be covered.

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For further information, please call Bea Cooper at (516) 221-3996 after 8PM.

ACID RAIN: WE KNOW WHERE IT STARTS. WHERE WILL IT END?

What is acid rain? It's a phenomenon that now poses as grave an ecological threat to North America as any form of pollution ever has. The cause of acid rain is sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides emissions from industrial and electrical power plants, metal smelters and surface transportation.

The problem affects our waters, our forests, our buildings and monuments, our agriculture and, what has not been sufficiently emphasized previously, our health. Acid rain is not only a threat to the environment of the Adirondacks, New England and eastern Canada. Its extreme effects have been noted in Florida and Georgia, Maryland, Minnesota and Wisconsin, the Rockies, in Southern California and even in the Ohio Valley itself, which is the source of most of the pollution that is devastating the states and provinces further north and east.

The public, although aware of acid rain, does not yet fully grasp the extent of the crisis. There are *extraordinary* dimensions to this problem:

Thousands of lakes and streams in North America are already dead and scores of thousands more are threatened; there is a 6 to 7 percent agricultural productivity loss annually due to ozone, which is composed of many of the same components as acid rain; forest dieback and retardation is a scientifically documented fact from Georgia to Quebec and the leading cause is acid rain; $5 to $7 billion worth of building and materials damage occurs each year in just 110 Eastern cities in the U.S.; as many as 50,000 increased mortalities may occur each year in the U.S. and Canada because of dry sulfate deposition; and acid rain leaches toxic metals into drinking water supplies.

There are many viable, cost-effective measures available *now* that could put an end to acid rain forever. Wha can you do? We need you to deluge the Congress, as well as our newspapers with demands for the establishment of strong, efficient and unequivocal acid rain measures in the Clean Air Act re-authorization. We need you to continue to learn more about the subject and to teach others. And we need you to support the work of the Sierra Club and other environmental organizations on this crucial issue.

For more information, call The Sierra Club, Bill Hewitt or Kathy Jones, (212) 473-7841.

STRIPED BASS CONSERVATION MEASURES NEEDED IN NEW JERSEY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO AVOID FEDERAL FISHING BAN

The Departments of the Interior and Commerce have published joint notices in the Federal Register announcing that they intend to impose a moratorium on striped bass fishing in the waters of the District of Columbia and coastal waters of New Jersey because the District and New Jersey are not in compliance with the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act.

Letters announcing the decision have been sent to New Jersey Governor Thomas H. Kean and District Mayor Marion Barry, signed by William Horn, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, and Anthony J. Calio, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere. If New Jersey and the District do not adopt regulations to protect female striped bass from the Chesapeake Bay, Interior and Commerce will impose the striped bass fishing moratorium effective April 1, the agencies said. The letter to Mayor Barry commended the District's progress in developing regulations and said that, based on available information, it appears that the regulations being developed would, if adopted, bring the District into compliance and eliminate the need for a fishing moratorium. The letter to Governor Kean encouraged New Jersey to take the resource conservation measures necessary to meet the requirements of the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act.

The Act applies to coastal migratory stocks of striped bass occurring from Maine to North Carolina. It requires that these coastal states (including Pennsylvania, the District of

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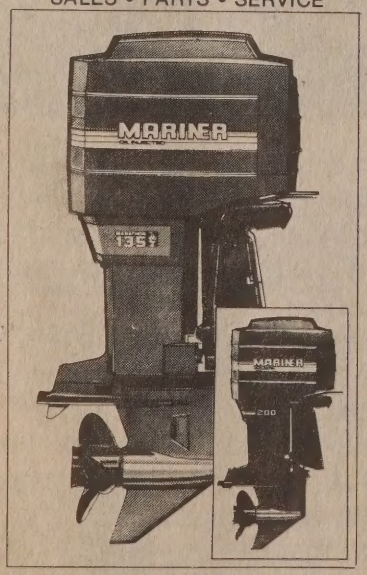

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Columbia, and the Potomac River Fisheries Commission) adopt and enforce regulations to implement the Interstate Management Plan for Striped Bass, developed by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

The objective is to prevent fishing mortality on at least 95 percent of the Chesapeake Bay stock females hatched in 1982 and subsequent years, until they have had the opportunity to reproduce at least once. States may achieve this objective through such measures as size limits, full or seasonal closures of their striped bass fishery and prohibition of "allowable by-catch" (incidental catching of striped bass while fishing for other species).

Under the Act, the Commission reviews whether states have adopted the regulatory measures necessary to implement the management plan, and notifies the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior if a state is not in compliance. Interior and Commerce must then determine whether they agree the state is not in compliance. If so, the Federal agencies are required to impose a moratorium.

On December 31, 1986, the Commission sent a letter to the Secretaries of the Interior and Commerce reporting that the District and New Jersey were not in compliance with the striped bass fisheries management plan. Officials of Interior and Commerce subsequently met with representatives from New Jersey and the District to discuss their efforts to comply with the plan.

The District of Columbia has been subject to the provisions of the Act only since October 1986, and previously did not have a fully established fisheries program nor any regulations restricting recreational striped bass fishing.

The District is now developing measures to come into compliance with the plan. Because the District has made considerable progress in a short period of time, the Federal agencies have delayed imposition of a fishing moratorium until April 1 in order to give the District an opportunity to complete its regulatory process.

In New Jersey, regulations regarding coastal striped bass fishing are established by the state legislature, where two such bills are currently pending. The Departments of the Interior and Commerce have not consulted officially with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to determine whether these bills would satisfy the requirements of the striped bass management plan. In their letter to Governor Kean, however, Horn and Calio said that, in their opinion, the bills, if enacted, would not result in compliance. The Commission notified New Jersey in October, 1986 that in order to be in compliance with the plan, New Jersey needs to impose a minimum size restriction of 31 inches by February, 1987 and 33 inches by August, 1987. The Departments of the Interior and Commerce have given New Jersey unti April 1 to enact legislation to comply with the plan.

The Chesapeake Bay historically was the major spawning and nursery ground for striped bass that migrate along the Atlantic Coast and support commercial and recreational fisheries from North Carolina to Maine. Striped bass stocks in the Bay and elsewhere along the Atlantic Coast have been declining for more than a decade. Sport and commercial catches of striped bass along the Atlantic Coast have declined by 90 percent since 1973. State and Feeral fishery agencies are presently engaged in a major conservation and restoration effort on behalf of the striped bass, conducting research on causes of the decline, stocking young striped bass and imposing fishing restrictions to reduce the striped bass catch and protect spawning females.

SEAMANSHIP COURSE IN PORT WASHINGTON

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 12-2 will teach a 12-lesson Sailing and Seamanship Course at Weber Junior High School, Rm. 207, Port Washington, NY, starting March 4th, at 7:30PM.

Students will be taught basic sail theory, sailboat maneuvering, rigging and boat handling, weather, rules of the road, sailing seamanship, racing rules and tactics, piloting, equipment, engines and radio telephone techniques.

You don't have to be a boat owner to attend. For information, contact Jack Rosenzveig at (718) 767-9791.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND AREA WILL CLOSE TO PROTECT FLOUNDER

A Southern New England closed area will be in effect from March through May this year, Richard Schaefer, Acting Regional Diretor of the Northeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announced today. "The closure is part of the new Multispecies Plan designed to give protection to yellowtail and winter flounder," Schaefer said.

The New England Fisheries Management Council (Council) developed the Multispecies Plan and hopes the closure will promote greater spawning so these flounder stocks will maintain and rebuild themselves.

The area east of 71°30'W longitude will close on March 1, and the area west of 71°30'W longitude will close on April 1. Both areas will be open on May 31, or on an earlier date if the Regional Director and the Council have determined that the closure has achieved the appropriate spawning level for yellowtail and winter flounder.

The multispecies regulations prohibit any type of gear in the closed area, with the following exceptions:

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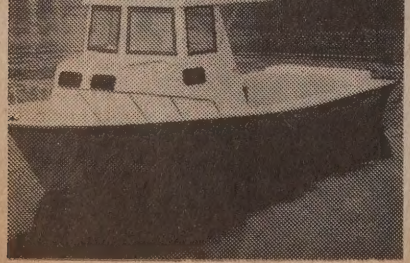

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3. Midwater gear which is certified by the NMFS and in which no multi-species by-catch is allowed.

The NMFS and the Council are asking the complete support and cooperation of the fishing industry as they implement this first closure ever in the Southern New England Area and monitor its effect. Copies of the regulations are available from Peter Colosi, (617) 281-3600, ext. 252.

MAKE SAFE BOATING A FAMILY AFFAIR

Massapequa Flotilla 13-2, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, is sponsoring the following boating course, beginning at 8PM on Wednesday, March 4th, at Berner High School, Massapequa.

A 12-week small boat handling course, is open to all persons, ages 17 or older, novices or experienced.

The two-hour sessions will include such subjects as seamanship, rules of the road, legal requirements, piloting, marlinspike, etc. All instructors are specially trained auxiliarists who volunteer their services to promote boating safety.

Boating safety is a family affair. Register your children, ages 10 to 16, in the free, six-lesson, New York State course for young boaters.
For further information, contact: Frank Canzoneri, (516) 378-1308.

GUIDE TO LORAN C IS PUBLISHED BY NATIONAL MARINE ELECTRONICS ASSOCIATION

A new user's guidebook just published by the National Marine Electronics Association provides a wealth of information on the Loran C radionavigation system and how to use it.

The "NMEA Guide to Loran C" is the second in a series of educational books published by the non-profit organization. The first, the "NMEA Guide to Echosounders," was issued last year.

The purpose of the guidebook series, according to NMEA Executive Director, Ely M. Hamaty, is to educate the user public in safe and proper installation and operation of marine electronic instruments. The books are written in clear, layman's language prose, with numerous illustrations, so they can be easily understood by inexperienced, non-technical readers, said Hamaty.

The "NMEA Guide to Loran C" contains chapters describing the basic principles of Loran C, how the system works, system accuracy, how to plot fixes, waypoint navigation, interference and equipment installation. A complete set of worldwide coverage area charts is provided for ready refernce, along with a glossary of terms and a list of references for additional reading.

The NMEA is a professional trade association of marine electronics manufacturers, distributors, dealers, users, suppliers and others involved in the industry. The organization sponsors programs aimed at enhancing the professionalism of its members, improving product reliability and performance, monitoring regulatory activities affecting the industry and educating the user public. One of the association's most important achievements has been the creation of uniform interface standards for connecting different items of marine electronics.

Copies of the new "NMEA Guide to Loran C," along with the earlier "NMEA Guide to Echosounders," may be ordered from the Executive Director, National Marine Electronics Association, 6 Grove St., Suite A, Norwell, MA 02061; (617) 878-1723, telex 62683260. The cost per copy is $4.50 and payment is requested with the order. Bulk discounts are available.

SPECIAL CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT OUR MARINE ENVIRONMENT

Orchard Beach's resources of marsh, beach, and grasslands will provide an outdoor classroom for the New York State Marine Education's Fourth Annual Marine Education Conference for Special Adolescents. This one-day conference will be held on Monday, May 4th at Orchard Beach, Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx. Over 200 learning disabled, emotionally handicapped, hearing impaired, visually impaired and physically disabled children are expected to attend. Workshops planned by NYSMEA will include collecting marine specimens, exploring the salt marsh, fish printing, seafood cooking and sampling and nature photography.

For further information about the conference and/or about the activities for the New York State Marine Education Association, call Joseph M. Varon, Conference Chairperson at (718) 699-4488 during the day or (718) 347-7245 evenings.

SAFE BOATING COURSE IN FREEPORT

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 13-6, Short Beach, New York, is again presenting a course at the Freeport High School Cafeteria, Sunrise Highway and South Brookside Drive, Freeport, New York. This will be a 12-lesson course, with a starting date on Monday, March 2nd, at 8PM sharp. A pre-registration time of 7:30PM is required by all, to enroll in this Free course, which will continue every Monday thereafter. A text book and course paraphernalia will be supplied at a nominal fee. A certificate of graduation will be presented to those students who pass the final test at the end of the course. Most insurance companies allow a 10 percent deducation on boat insurance when this certificate is presented as proof of course education completion.

Additional information and pre-registration may be obtained by contacting the Public Education Officers, Rich Cantwell, (516) 379-1665;

Hal Gold (516) 378-7566 or Cmdr. Paul Rothamel, (516) 623-0403.

BRUCE HUPPERT NATIONAL SALES MANAGER FOR RUNAWAY MARINE

The Runaway Marine Corporation, Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey, has announced the appointment of Bruce Huppert as the National Sales and Marketing Manager in charge of sales for its full line of sport fishing boats.

Mr. Huppert will head the national sales effort from both the New Jersey factory location and the national sales office in Florida where a 36' Sportsman is available for inspection and sea trials. Runaway Marine Corporation manufactures two models of 36 foot sport fishing boats designed for heavy duty blue water fishing.

Literature, prices and specifications are available by writing to: Bruce Huppert, Runaway Marine Corporation, 101 Route 35 South, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742; (201) 295-8088.

THE HAMPTONS SURF FISHING CLUB DINNER

The Hamptons Surf Fishing Club held its Annual Awards Dinner on Friday, March 27th at John Duck's Restaurant in Southampton. Many door prizes were given and trophies and cash prizes were awarded for the year 1986.

As usual, we will continue our open membership drive at this time and we invite anyone who lives in the Town of Southampton or East Hampton to join us. Dues are $15 a year. Please direct all inquiries to: Hamptons Surf Fishing Club, 126 W. Tiana Rd., Hampton Bays, NY 11946 or call (516) 728-9048.

'86 BOAT SALES BEST SINCE '74

The National Marine Manufacturers Association says 1986 was the best sales year for boats since the "golden years" of 1973-74.

"Prospects for continued market advancement look encouraging. Our key factors of a stable energy outlook, growing credit availability at attractive rates and terms for product loans, and a generally stable economic climate all help strengthen the demand for boat ownership," said NMMA President Jeff Napier.

Noting that the 35-54 year old segment of the population is growing, Napier predicted a 4 to 6 percent growth in boating sales through the year 2000.

The 1986 boat market better performance was on the industry's power side, with inboard motor yachts up 4.2 percent, inboard water ski boats up 17.7 percent and sterndrive boats up 4.3 percent. The most popular package continues to be an outboard runabout with motor and trailer, but prices paid increased from $6,645 to $7,082 as many owners upgraded their boats.

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Boats For Anglers

OCEANIC 21

by John Raguso

I've referred to the enterprising Oceanic organization in many of my annual "What's New" previews as Hialeah, Florida's "other" boatbuilder. For those who've never been to this part of the sunshine state, the presence of Hialeah's foremost boat plant, Aquasport, has certainly helped put this town on the map. Indeed, the members of the Hernandez family who worked at the Aquasport facility for almost 20 years learned their trade so well, they decided to start their own company, and Oceanic is the offshoot of that movement.

I had been seeing a few of these Oceanics popping up recently at some of the Atlantic's most popular offshore fishing grounds, so I decided to find out a little more about what made them so attractive. I ran into Manny Hernandez, Jr. at the Freeport Boat Show last fall and he gave me a general rundown of Oceanic's operating philosophy, as well as some specific details on how his boats were put together. He explained that their goal was to build an honest, 100 percent hand laid fishing boat, in controllable quantities to ensure quality detail, and to sell it through a small dedicated dealer network at an attractive price tag. From what I've seen, he appears to be accomplishing this objective; so let's take a closer look at what they have to offer.

The Oceanic product line includes a pair of basic hulls, in two different layouts. The hulls measure 21' x 8' and 26' x 8' and come in either center console or full cuddy configurations. For the purpose of our review, the 21' center console seemed to have the most universal appeal.

The Oceanic 21 CC measures 20' 9" in length and is based on an 8 foot beam. It weighs-in at approximately 2,000 lbs., featuring a 20 degree transom deadrise/deep vee hull, with a draft of 15". The boat is constructed using the 100 percent hand lay-up technique, ensuring the optimum ratio of fiberglass reinforcement to polyester resin. Seven alternating layers of 1½ oz. mat and 24 oz. woven roving are employed in the Oceanic's hull (4 mat and 3 woven roving) to give it the proper amount of beef to tame the unpredictable offshore seas you're likely to encounter off the coast. Four stringers and one keel stiffener provide the rigidity and support to keep the lines of this Florida flyer true and they're laminated into the hull using an additional four layers of fiberglass reinforcing material (2 mat and 2 woven roving) for a package that totals 11 layers from chine to chine! Standard fuel capacity for this rig is a modest 60 gal., no doubt due to her Florida influence, but Manny Hernandez has

spent enough time up north to be aware of our typically longer treks to the blue waters, so he's included an 80 gal. fuel cell as an option.

Finishing detail on the Oceanic 2. is good and shows the pride of the Hernandez family at work. While it's not quite up to the standards of Leon Slikkers and his Tiara/Pursuit group, I would rate the Oceanic's fit and finish as certainly above the average one would expect to find in any competitively priced boat.

Standard equipment on the 21 CC includes basic foam flotation, S/S bow rail, 1500 GPH Rule bilge pump, huge forward insulated fishbox, Teleflex Big-T steering, rope anchor locker with teak door, wave gate, double bench seat with insulated cooler, removable aft bait boxes, a pair of Perko flush mount rod holders, and more. A unique standard feature on the Oceanic 21 is your choice of a rounded or squared-off 25 gal. compartment mounted flush below deck and situated aft of the helm station. The rounded well is ideal to keep baitfish lively all day and the squared corner version is optimum as a storage box for gear. Another neat choice for the prospective consumer is his/her choice of hull color! According to Manny Hernandez, the Oceanics come in 27 different hues, ranging from the most awesome to the most unusual.

Cockpit freeboard on the 21 CC is a respectable 24 inches at the stern quarter and this should provide comfortable security when trying to gaff or wire a big shark or tuna. The forward casting platform is raised 8 inches above the deck and should offer good visibility when trying to pick out schools of blues or bonito off the beach. The hull warranty is two years and maximum weight capacity is 2060 lbs. About the only thing I didn't like about this Oceanic was that the aft baitwell drained into the bilge area, compromising somewhat the deck's self-bailing characteristics. I spoke to Manny Hernandez about this problem and he promised to look into it, perhaps adding an exit hose with sea cock to plumb the baitwell water through the transom, similar to the method used on many of the Mako boats.

In summary, I think that the Oceanic 21 CC is one hot boat for the money and certainly warrants a serious look if you're into the center console type format.

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SPECIFICATIONS

Length	20'9"
Beam	8'
Weight	2,000 pounds
Draft	15"
Fuel Capacity:	
Standard	60 gallons
Optional	80 gallons
Maximum Horsepower	235

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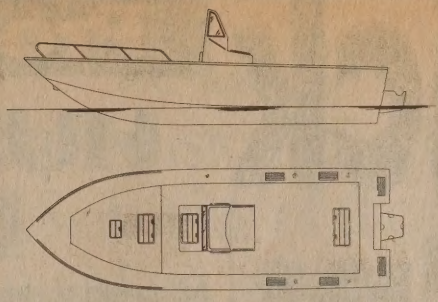

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Product Review

HUMMINBIRD LCR 4 ID

by Pete Barrett

The introduction of liquid crystal display depth and fish finders has dramatically changed the way many of us think about and use depth sounding devices to mark fish and bottom strucure. Whether seeking freshwater bass or a saltwater bluefish, today's anglers are changing their buying habits when it comes to depth sounders.

A few years ago the only two choices for fish finding electronics were the graph recorder and the flasher. Flashers offered an all too brief glimpse of fish located below the boat and if you looked away for a moment you might miss seeing that possible trophy catch. Recorders were much better and gave a lasting picture of the bottom structure and fish suspended in the water. For the first time anglers could "see" into the water to memorize bottom structure and the habits of fish as they moved with changing tides.

Graph recorders are still the best way to gain a permanent, highly detailed picture of the bottom structure but they do use up rolls of paper. Fishermen who spend a lot of time on the water could use up 20 to 30 rolls of paper in a season. The answer to this problem was found in the new breed of LCR depth sounders/fish finders like the Humminbird LCR 4 ID.

Using a Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) made up of a matrix of tiny dots on a 4 inch high by 3 inch wide screen, the LCR 4 ID breed of depth finders is far advanced from the older flashers. As the LCD screen moves from right to left it holds the images longer so the fisherman can see the bottom configuration and any fish located under the boat. The display is continually updated and shifts to the left, so after a minute or so the image is finally lost from view, but there was still enough time to study the display and make adjustments to the fishing position or technique.

Techsonic Industries, manufacturer of Humminbird fish finders, is generally considered to be the first to popularize the LCD style fish finders and they have made a strong commitment to introduce new technology that will keep the company among the leaders in the electronics industry. Their latest innovation, the LCR 4 ID advances Humminbird to a new level of technology.

The 4 ID is similar to other dot matrix fish finders made by Humminbird and it marks bottom structure in the usual black and white dot picture, but it is also able to discriminate fish and mark them with a contrasting red dot making the fish marks or dots much more visible to the fisherman.

Most LCD units use two layers in the grid pattern to make the dots, the 4 ID uses a third layer to add the red color. Increasing the light source actually makes the display easier to read, so there is no loss of image in

strong sunlight. Some LCD panels are blocked out with polaroid sunglasses, but the Humminbird units have a special surface that prevents this from happening on their units.

Since the 4 ID can see fish that are more than 3 inches off the bottom, all fish not lying directly on the bottom will be marked with a red dot. Smaller sized fish are marked as an individual red dot, larger fish are marked with a red over black dot or dots, depending o the size of the fish. This dual color readout enhances the image for larger fish. Fishermen who were not sure in the past if the dots near the bottom were fish will now be able to read these fish with confidence.

The LCR 4 ID is typical of Humminbird construction and is encased in a corrosion proof, waterproof plastic housing. Harsh sun, saltwater spray and rough boat rides don't faze the 4 ID. Its electronic insides are solid state so there are few moving parts to cause mechanical breakdowns.

The panel to the right of the display screen uses sealed buttons for all operational controls. The circular key pads are soft and easy to press; a slight touch is all that is needed to activate any of the function controls.

All controls are very clear to understand. Depress the *Power* pad to turn the 4 ID on. It will select and set the sensitivity controls and will vary them automatically as water depth and bottom hardness changes. The depth will be displayed digitally. Select from four depth ranges: 0-15', 0-30', 0-60', 0-120'.

If you prefer to tune the unit on your own, simply press the *Auto* button to de-activate the automatic feature, or press either the sensitivity increase or decrease buttons. There are 15 sensitivity settings and the selected setting is displayed at the bottom left of the screen as a bar graph. The digital depth display is not in use when in manual mode.

The *Zoom* feature allows a closer look at bottom readings as when trying to find fish on a brush pile in a lake or on a wreck offshore of the coast.

A fish alarm can be programmed into the 4 ID to warn of fish markings and is especially helpful while trolling. Even if your eyes are not glued to the face panel, you will hear the alarm when you go over fish. There is also a bottom watch alarm to warn of changing bottom depth.

The display speed can be changed and an optional temperature probe can be attached to add surface temperature readings to the face panel display.

Small in size, the LCR 4 ID fits easily on most any boat. If service is ever needed, Humminbird offers speedy repair or replacement of any of the LCR line within 3 days after being received at the factory.

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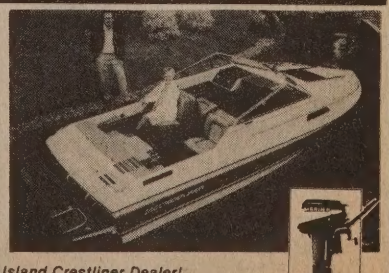

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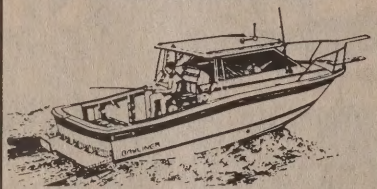

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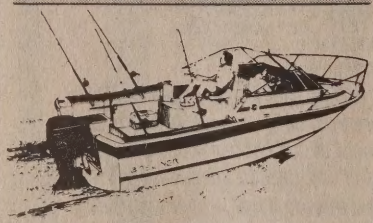

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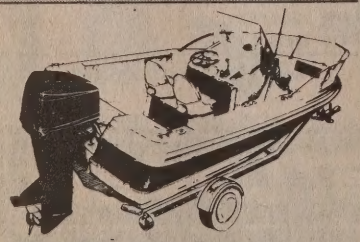

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by Ken Freel

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It seems to me that as fishing gets more competitive just because there are more fishermen all looking for the same fish, that we should help the situation by putting a few fish back into the water. *Jake Myers.*

Hi Jake,

Right on! While it is probably impossible for recreational or sports anglers to overfish a species, they can take a lot of fish and temporarily cause a slow down in catches of fish in small areas until the next batch of fish migrates into the area. And, while commercial fishermen are the ones notorious for overfishing our stocks of fish, it can add a lot to your sport if you release a few for next season.

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American Littoral Society, P.O. Box 117, Highland, NJ.

National Marine Fisheries Service, Shark Tagging Program, Att: Jack Casey, Ferry Rd., Narragansett, RI.

National Marine Fisheries Service, Game Fish Tagging Program, Virginia Beach Dr., Miami, FL 33149.

Dear Doc,

I have trouble learning how to snell a hook and how to use the many other knots that are mentioned in The Fisherman. Where can I get a book that tells me how to tie these knots? *Rob Campbell.*

Dear Rob,

There are some good books on knots. The first one listed costs $9.95 and is available through tackle shops, book stores, and The Fisherman magazine's Long Island office. The next two are free from the manufacturers.

***Practical Fishing Knots** by Mark Sosin and Lefty Kreh from The Fisherman, P.O. Box 1994, Bridge St., Sag Harbor, NY 11963.*

***The Stren Knot Booket** from DuPont, Stren Line Division, Wilmington, DE.*

***Trilene Knot Booklet** from Berkley Tackle Co., Spirit Lake, IA.*

The most common knots are the Clinch, Palomar, Snell, Dropper Loop, Surgeon's Loop and Blood Knot. I would start out with the Clinch Knot because it really is an easy one to master; then I'd give the snell knot a try. Be patient and take your time. You will soon find out how easy and fun it can be to be able to tie these knots

Some anglers continue to fish with antique tackle, but you might want to check out its current value. ***Dick Mermon photo.***

fast and effectively. After you learn these knots you can move onto the more sophisticated Bimini Twist, Spider Hitch and Albright. Good luck.

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Dear Doc,

Recently, in cleaning out the house, I found several rods and reels. Since I have no need or use for them, I would like to sell them. The only problem is what to sell them for. There are some expensive looking rods in the lot. Could you recommend any prices?

Lee Koetzner.

Dear Lee,

None of the tackle you mentioned can be considered rare, so it may not have exceptional value to a collector of old-time fishing tackle, but you might want to check to make sure. For more information, write to Antique Fishing & Tackle Club, c/o Franz Serdahley, P.O. Box 627, New Town, PA 18940 or to "Salt Water Sportsman" magazine's Collector's Corner column.

To get an idea of what to sell these items for, I would check with a local tackle shop and look through catalogs which have the same or similar items. Take into consideration the age and condition of the rods and reels you have and then set your price accordingly. After you've established what you think is a fair price, try a classified ad in a local paper or The Fisherman. You could also look for bulletin boards to leave your information on in tackle shops, local marinas, or even local supermarkets.

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Dear Doc,

I am interested in fishing for weakfish. I have been tagging them and now I would like to go for a record fish using light tackle. What is the record for 4, 6 and 8 lb. test? What would you recommend in rods and spinning reel combinations? *Ralph F. Cacace.*

Dear Ralph,

For the latest listing of record fish in all pound test categories, get a copy of the International Game Fish Association record book which is published annually. Write to them at 1000 Las Olas Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

As far as light tackle goes, it would be better to use a longer (over 6') soft action rod that is more forgiving to cushion the sudden lunges that a prize weakfish would make. Check with a local custom rod shop; they usually have at least one customer who is into light tackle, or they may know enough to recommend the right rod for your fishing needs.

As far as reels go, check the Daiwa Tournament SS series with the enlarged spools for a good choice for light tackle angling. Penn, Shimano, Ryobi and others also have superb drags needed for this type of fishing. Look for top of the line products, not the entry level priced reels.

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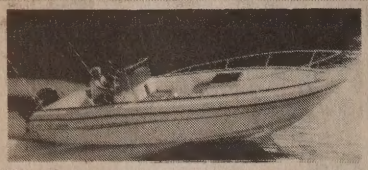

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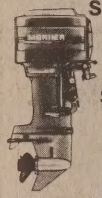

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Dock Lines

by Eric Burnley

Dear Eric,

I have a 19 foot Mako that has been in storage for the last five years. This spring I plan to put a new motor on it and I am worried about the gas that has been in the tank for the past five years. Additives were added when the boat was put up, but I don't know if the fuel will still be good. The old fuel also contained oil and my new motor will have oil injection. I am afraid this will cause further problems. What should I do to get rid of this old fuel?

William Washington.

Dear William,

I have checked with a few marine dealers about your problem and the only solution is to burn the fuel in your engine after adding a marine fuel storage additive. Your dealer will have this. You can't dump it out due to the environmental laws and it should not do any harm to your new engine.

The safest procedure would be to consult with the dealer who sold you the new motor. Explain about the old gas in your tank and be sure to tell him it has oil mixed with it. He may be able to make compensating adjustments to your new motor. Most of the boat dealers I have spoken with feel too much oil is better than too little, especially on a new motor. They think it will smoke but will run fine.

You don't indicate if you have a filter on the fuel line, but if not, I suggest installing one when you get the new motor. This should separate any water and filter out any sediment that may have accumulated in your tank. Finally don't take off for the canyon until you burn a tank full or two through the new motor. Stay close to home just in case a problem develops.

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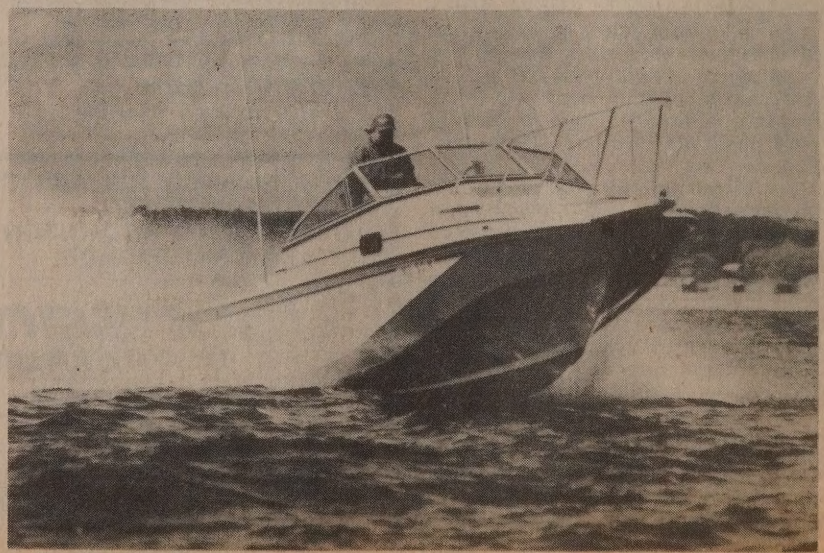
Dear Eric,

I have a 24' cuddy cabin, I/O. Since the boat is not a walkaround, unless I bring it in stern first, I have to get to the dock by going up through the cabin hatch. The boat has an 8' beam, with a full swim platform across the stern and the slip is about 10' 6" wide. Boats on either side of me extend out beyond the outer pilings and when I attempt to back in I am afraid of hitting the other boats. Because the cuddy cabin is high, when there is any wind I am at a complete loss as to how to get my boat in stern first.

I understand that Bennet Marine Video has a videotape on boat handling, but the majority of the tape seems to be dedicated to trailering, launching and retrieval/haul out. Since I do not trail my boat I would like to know if there are any other tapes available only on docking and maneuvering? *Hank Schaldonat.*

Dear Hank,

My boat is similar to yours and I must also back into any slip where the dock does not extend out into the water. The only way to learn how to do this job successfully is to practice. To the best of my knowledge there are no videotapes that show how to dock



Cuddy cabin boats are relatively easy to maneuver at dockside with a little practice.

your boat.

A single screw stern drive or outboard boat is not as difficult to dock stern first as a single screw inboard. At least when we turn the wheel the rudder and prop change direction.

Some things you should keep in mind. A boat, unlike a car, steers from the back. In other words, when you change direction the stern moves first and the bow follows. You should also be aware that a single screw boat will not back down in a straight line with the rudder held amidships. The force of the prop pushing the water will cause the stern to move left or right depending on the prop's direction of rotation.

To get my boat into a slip stern first I run past my slip and begin backing into the slip on my port side. By the time I actually get close, the stern has entered the slip it is supposed to be in. Once the stern is in, I cut the power and pull the boat to the dock using lines run along the pilings. This task is much easier with two people in the stern, but I have done it alone. A strong wind requires compensation but you can still get into the slip. Simpy use more power and begin your approach further into the wind.

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Dear Eric,

I own a 17 foot outboard and I have a problem with interference on my depthfinder at all speeds but a slow troll.

On plane, the transducer (which is flush with the hull), skims the water surface causing the interference. I have tried moving the transducer many times with no luck. I have even mounted it on a dowel below the surface, which worked, but made a huge rooster tail. Do you have the answer?

Mike Karabin.

Dear Mike,

According to Butch Plank at Humminbird you will have to move your transducer one more time, but this time it will be inside the boat. There is nothing you can do to prevent the turbulence in your wake, so you must remove the transducer from the stern and mount it on the inside of the hull. It will work best towards the stern on a level plane so that the signal will pass down on a 90 degree angle.

According to Butch there are several methods available for installing the transducer in the boat. You can epoxy the unit directly to the hull, but this is usually a bit too permanent. The installation preferred by most boat owners uses a piece of PVC pipe epoxied to the hull and then filled with distilled water or mineral oil. The transducer is then placed in the pipe but is not permanently mounted. This allows removal for service or replacement should you purchase a new unit.

The signal from the transducer will pass through a solid fiberglass hull but will not go through a cored hull. Also be certain you are mounting it on the hull and not on the deck.

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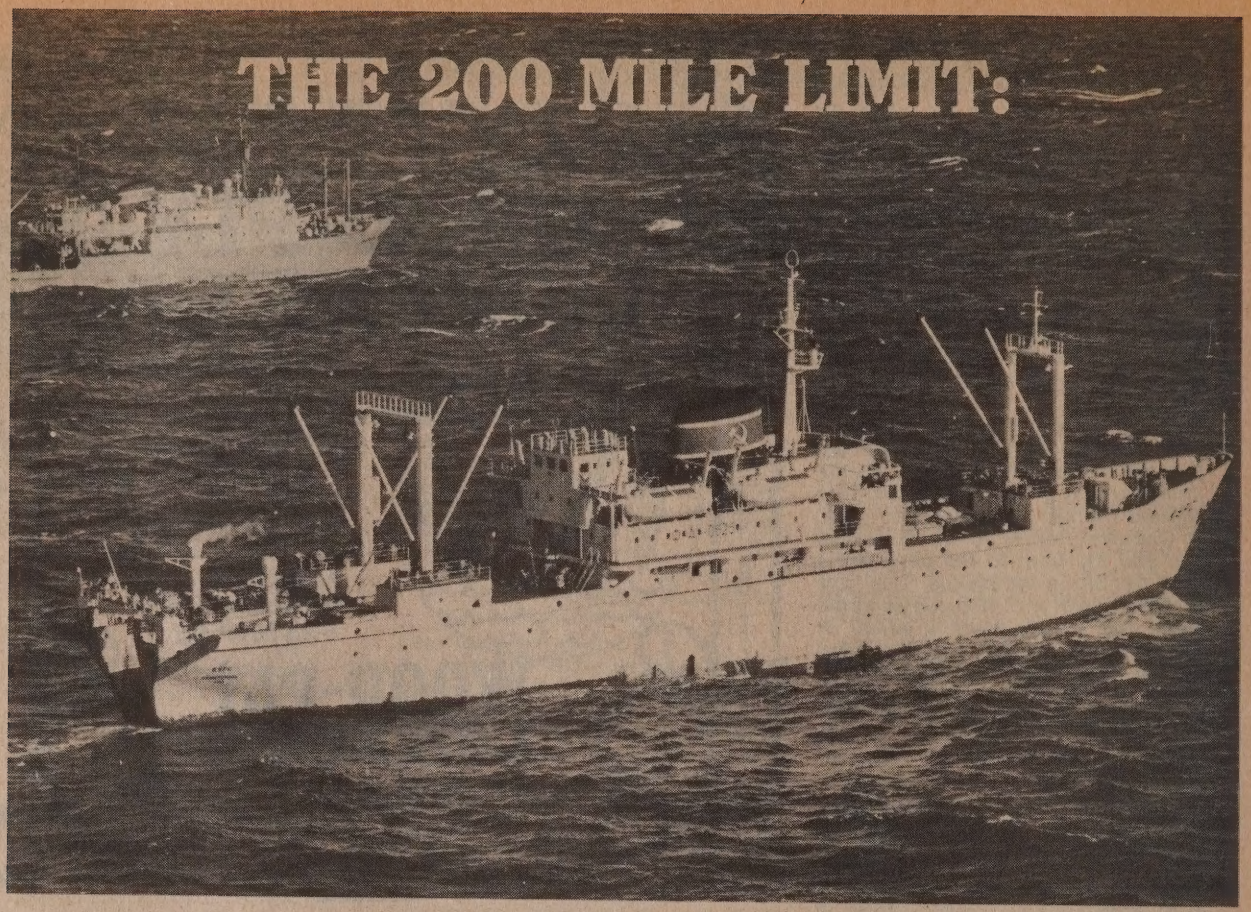


WHERE WE STAND

part one—by Al Ristori

There were no great celebrations along our shores on March 1st, but there should have been. It was 10 years ago on that date that the 200 mile limit went into effect, and American fishermen were freed from the unregulated destruction of their marine resources by huge foreign fishing fleets operating legally as close as 12 miles from shore; and often even closer than that.

The movement to bring an end to the rape of our fisheries was largely the result of concern on the part of sport fishermen who became organized in the Emergency Committee to Save America's Marine Resources. The foreign fleets had already been here for years and the fisheries were going downhill fast when a group of party and charter boat skippers plus sportsmen and conservationists met on the Palace II at Hoboken in February, 1972 to form the Emergency Committee.

The author was elected chairman that night, and I brought the problem to the attention of Rep. Norman Lent (R-NY) that weekend. During the next week, Lent introduced a 200 mile limit bill and started searching out co-sponsors. By the time we organized a rally in Sheepshead Bay a couple of weeks later, other area congressmen were following Lent's lead. Though there were only about 30 co-sponsors on Lent's 200 mile limit bill by the end of that session, it was something where there had been nothing but despair before. We had our foot in the door and from now on, we'd be slowly pushing it open a bit further with each passing month.

Even our supporters in those early days didn't believe we had a ghost of a chance. After all, the State and Defense Departments opposed any changes in the fishery limits; and commercial fishermen had been surprisingly ineffective in protesting the loss of their livelihoods. The Emergency Committee didn't promise any quick solution to the problem, but we were confident that we could change things by both bringing the issue to the public and getting masses of letters written to federal legislators.

Lent did his part by giving up seniority on one committee to switch to the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, where he could more effectively push the 200 mile limit. The movement was building up, and additional sponsors were found in that next session.

The Emergency committee's publicity efforts continued to build despite the fact that we never had much money to work with. Fortunately, there were many volunteers. Bill Munro took time out from his advertising business to design the posters, bumper stickers and buttons that would soon be appearing all over the country. The poster that attracted the most attention was headed "The Reason You're Not Catching Many Fish Is Because They Are...The Soviet Fishing Fleet." Below that were illustration of eight different classes of Soviet ships, including the 423 foot stern trawlers with a crew of 232—and even bigger mother ships. Munro, by the way, is now vice-president of

Ande and director of the Mako Owner's Tournaments.

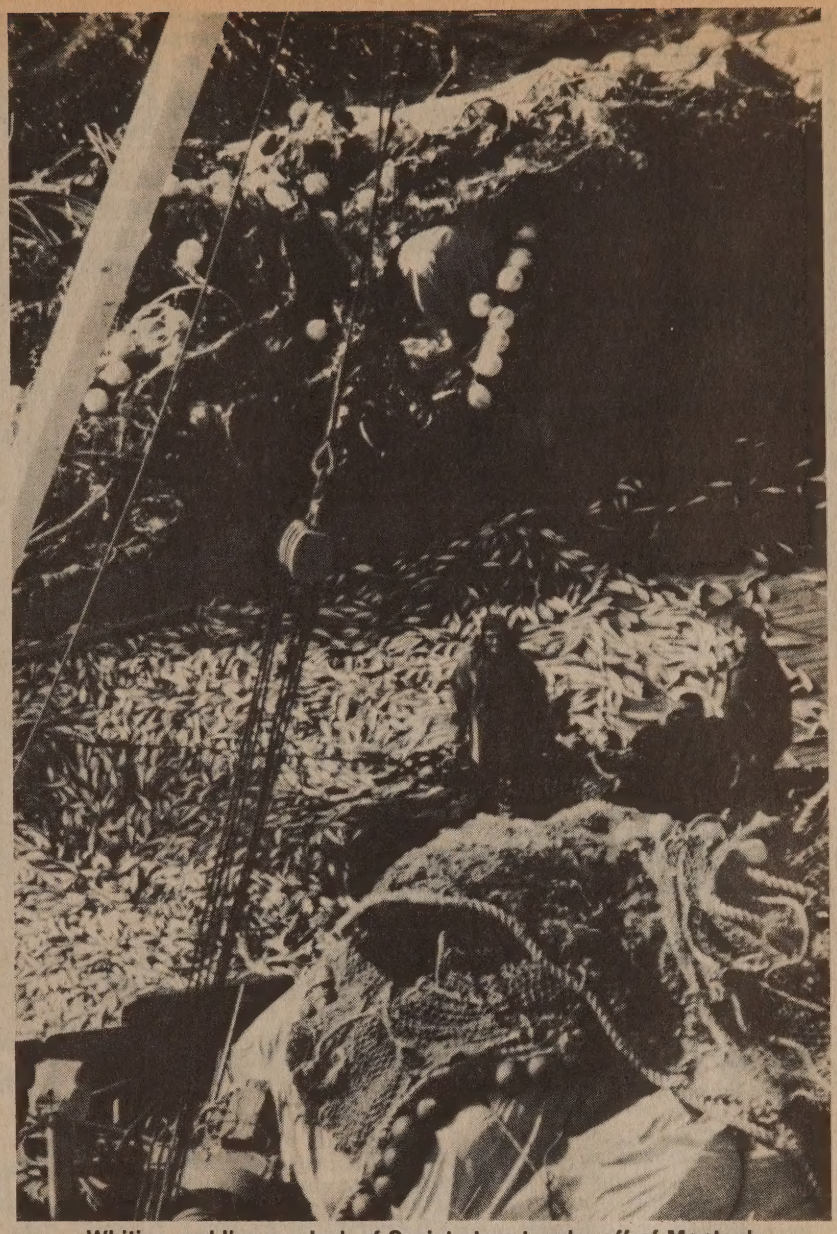
Then there was the late Tom Lenk, president of the Garcia Corporation, who provided the Emergency Committee with office space, secretarial help and postage at the Englewood Cliffs, NJ office; and gave the author (who was director of field testing for Garcia at that time) the freedom to pursue this cause. The late attorney Bill Reilly of Emerson, NJ volunteered our incorporation, and the late Harry Ross of Westbury served as vice chairman, helping with the organization on Long Island.

My wife Kathy served as secretary, and Mike Soriano of Montvale, NJ was both treasurer and editor of our newsletters. Among the many individuals who provided a great deal of help were Captain Howard Bogan of Brielle; Captain Roy Mazziotta of Captree; Captain Paul Forsberg of Montauk; Harry Wolf of Ridge; Jeffrey Lohr of Oceanside; and John Brown of Ocean City, NJ. Penn and Shakespeare helped to print and distribute posters, and the Schaefer Corp. (and its fishing tournament director Bob Blanks) provided lots of publicity.

At this point it's appropriate to pause a moment and bring those who were not fishing 15 years ago a glimpse of what was going on out at sea. The Soviet Union started moving their fishing fleet across the Atlantic in the early 1960s. In 1965, they concentrated on Georges Banks off Cape Cod, where the 1963 year class of haddock was providing exceptional fishing. These haddock were very small, but the small mesh nets employed by the Soviets took 283,000,000 lbs. of haddock that yaer and started the most severe decline in the long history of that fishery. A few years later haddock were a rarity inshore and very scarce on Georges.

What the Soviets and other foreign fleets were doing at that time came to be called pulse fishing. By employing a large fleet against a specific species in a certain area, they were able to just about clean up that species and then move on to another. In 1966, it was time for the seemingly inexhaustible supplies of silver hake (whiting) and red hake (ling) to get the Soviet treatment. The result was a catch of 96.2 thousand tons of whiting and 25.7 thousand tons of ling! The stocks were so depleted that even the Soviet catch dropped to 23 thousand tons of whiting amd 14.9 thousand tons of ling the next year.

On Sunday evening, February 6, 1972, Captain Howard Bogan steered the Jamaica from Brielle offshore on an exploratory trip. While under way, he saw from a distance of 10 miles, what appeared to be the Manhattan skyline. However, these lights were 16 miles east of Manasquan Inlet in the Mud Hole. As Bogan approached the lights he came upon a fleet of 32 Soviet fishing vessels—a veritable Russian city at sea only about 30 miles from New York City! That's the way it was in those days, and we frequently used the Bogan Fleet to take TV crews out to film the foreign fleets in the Mud Hole.



Whiting and ling on deck of Soviet stern trawler off of Montauk.

More of Howard Bogan's experiences at this time are recorded in the recent book, *Party Boat Fishing With The Experts*, by Richard Reina and William A. Muller, Wavecrest Comm., Box 1994, Sag Harbor, NY 11963; $14.95. In his chapter on New Jersey party boat fishing, Bogan recalls, "In 1961 I had installed aboard my fishing boat a sonar scanner built in England. This was the identical machine used to track submarines during the second World War. I wasn't interested in subs moving about, but in ships that had been sunk in the early 1900s and had never been fished by man. Huge schools of fish were also on my list of objectives. This scanner was capable of reaching out one mile away from the boat down to depths of 300 feet and recording fish, or a wreck or rock pile, on a graph, as well as being able to hear the echo on an audio device.

"The 'Asdic', as it was then known in Europe, opened up a new horizon of party boat fishing in New Jersey. It also opened my eyes to how quickly man can ruin something beautiful with his greed and unscrupulous desires. I spent many days scanning the ocean from 10 to 100 miles offshore, and while locating many new fishing grounds, both natural and man-made, I discovered the ocean was literally alive with herring. I could scan for 50 miles in a straight line with the sonar reaching out a mile 90 degrees on either side of my boat and constantly hear the ping of huge schools of herring. The number of these fish in pounds would be staggering.

"I always compared the schools of herring to a large forest with trees as

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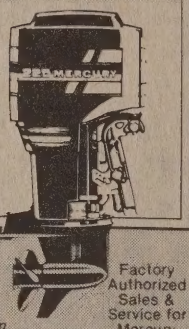

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far as the eye could see. If you had drained the ocean, stood on the bottom and kept the herring, millions, billions, or possibly trillions of pounds.

"I witnessed the depletion of these fish to within 10 percent of the entire stock in just three years off the Jersey coast by foreign trawlers. Herring are vital to our fisheries for cod, pollock, tuna, albacore, striped bass and many other foraging fish. No doubt we could have shared some of these fish with nations that were in need of protein, but to allow them to decimate these schols was a crime."

Indeed, it was a crime—and Bogan wasn't exaggerating. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) estimated that the foreign fleets had reduced the sea herring population in the North Atlantic by 95 percent in just two years! The cod got clobbered along with the haddock, and even such non-targeted species as scup (porgies), sea bass and fluke were swept up in huge quantities on their offshore wintering grounds. Bottom fishing in general was terrible in those days—and then the foreigners did their thing on the previously abundant mackerel.

Though party boat skippers often spotted foreign vessels even within the 12 mile limit, the Coast Guard was rarely able to catch one in the act. The Bulgarian trawler Limoza was seized within the 12 mile limit off of Atlantic City by the Coast Guard Cutter Unimak, but that ship and its catch of 182 tons of mackerel just happened to be in the way of the cutter as it returned from an emergency tow job.

As bad as the destruction of targeted species was, the problem was compounded by the use of such small mesh that literally everything was scooped off the bottom and destroyed. Nothing was wasted, as all the "scrap" was reduced to fish meal and oils. However, those fleets left little in the way of either predators or forage fish by the time they got through with an area. There were international agreements prohibiting the use of small mesh in some areas, but they weren't worth the paper they were written on—despite the State Department's insistence that the Soviets were really good guys concerned about conservation of our resources.

At one House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee hearing I brought along Simas Kudirka, the Lithuanian seaman whose attempted escape from a Soviet mother ship and subsequent return to that ship by the Coast Guard created an uproar in this country. Kudirka and his family were eventually allowed to emigate to the U.S. when it was discovered that he had been born in the U.S.—and his story was told in a TV special starring Alan Arkin. On this occasion, Kudirka testified about the fact that the Soviet vessels did, indeed, carry a small mesh liner to use in their legal mesh nets when there was no danger of inspection.

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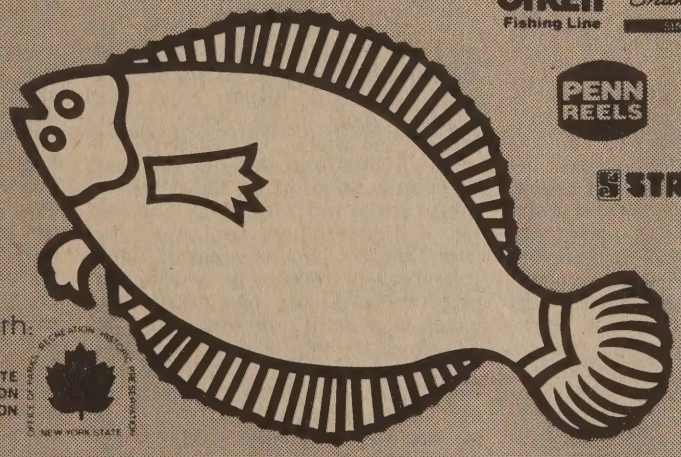

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by Chris Noftall

Lake Ontario as we all know, has been producing some extremely large trout and salmon over the past few years. With 365 miles of shoreline in New York from Youngstown east to Cape Vinicent, there are many fishing hotspots, ports and boat launches along the entire shore. Some of these areas produce better than others and at different times throughout the season. Let's take a look at what each of these counties offer starting with Niagara County working east to Jefferson County.

Niagara County, the westernmost county with about 45 miles of shoreline from the Niagara River east to Somerset, has three main areas: the Niagara River, Wilson and Olcott. The Youngstown area off the mouth of the Niagara River is especially good in the spring around the sand bars as warm water and bait from the river drop into the lake to waiting trout and salmon. During the fall the Niagara River has a good run of salmon. Some trout here will follow the salmon to feed on their eggs. The best boat launch in this area is in Fort Niagara State Park off Route 18F, next to the Coast Guard Station.

Boat access on the Niagara River is found at Lewistown, 4 miles upstream from the lake. The Lewiston ramp is found in Guard Park at the sand docks on Water Street. The town of Lewiston keeps the ramp open through the winter for the steelhead fisherman. Winter fishing for steelhead, browns and lake trout around the hot water discharge of the hydro plants just south of Artpark is excellent. However, currents near the plants are fast and tricky thus boat size and horsepower must be adequate. Shore fishing along the lower Niagara River is best at Artpark and the sand docks in Lewiston. Lewiston is also the smelt capital of Lake Ontario as thousands of pounds of smelt are dip netted each spring off the sand docks. Farther upstream, Whirlpool State Park and Devil's Hole State park in the Nigara River gorge offer the most exciting trout and salmon fishing on the Niagara River. Fishing in the turbulent water is only for the hardy and prudent fisherman, conscious of the steep steps which in the winter are very icy, which descend into the gorge. I'd advise wearing flotation gear and safety lines as the water levels change quickly as the hydro generator plants release water. Hotels, camping and tackle shops are easily found in the Lewiston and Niagara areas.

Wilson Harbor lies 12 miles east of the Niagara River and is famous for its brown trout, steelhead and coho salmon fishing. Cohos and browns show up early in April along the piers and beaches around Wilson. Three piers are found in Wilson; two are open for pier fishing. The east pier at the mouth of the bay and the town pier to the east, at the end of Route 42S, produce some of the best pier fishing on Lake Ontario in the spring and fall. Surf fishing along the beaches of Wilson is also very productive and popular in the spring and again in the fall. By mid-May good concentrations of chinook salmon show up and produce the best spring chinook fishing off Wilson Harbor.

Six miles east of Wilson is Olcott, the shoreline between the two is excellent brown trout and coho salmon fishing in the spring and fall. Olcott does not receive as much attention as Wilson, however, the fishing is just as good, and maybe even better, especially in the fall during the salmon run. The Olcott area also has piers which attract baitfish, attracting larger trout and salmon, making for good fishing around the piers. The west pier is open to fishermen, parking is limited so use the small lot at the corner of Beach Street and Van Buren. The east pier is a government structure; however, anglers can be arrested when they illegally trespass on private property to reach the pier. Burt Dam which is about a mile and a half upstream from the lake on Eighteen Mile Creek is known for its trophy size trout and salmon caught below the dam. Boat ramps in Olcott are found off Route 18, on Eighteen Mile Creek and at the end of West Main Street on Olcott Harbor. Olcott, like Wilson, is a small town with only a couple of hotels. Best bet for a room is in Lockport, 12 miles south of Olcott. Tackle shops are found on Routes 18 and 78 in town.

Moving east to Orleans County, the 40 miles of shoreline has only one good area. Point Breeze, Oak Orchard Creek area is known best for its fall run of giant chinook salmon. The Great Lakes freshwater record was taken here in 1980, weighing 47 lbs. Spring inshore trolling is good for browns, lakers, steelhead and cohos. Fishing remains good through the summer fishing in deep water 2 to 3 miles offshore. The fall fishing is when Oak Orchard comes to life as large schools of chinooks stake up off Point Breeze preparing to run upstream and are very vulnerable to trolled spoons and plugs. The Point Breeze boat landing is off Water Street near the mouth of Oak Orchard Creek. Hotels and tackle shops can be found off Routes 18 and 98 in Waterport just south of Oak Orchard. Point Breeze, Oak Orchard is about an 8 hour drive via the New York Thruway to exit 48, to Route 98 north.

The 50 miles of coastline along Monroe County provides good inshore trolling and coasting in the spring and fall. Fishing offshore during the summer is also good. Monroe County has four main fishing areas: Hamlin Beach State park, Braddock Bay, Genesee River and Irondequoit Bay. These areas are where the best access sites and fishing occurs in the county.

Hamlin Beach State Park is known for its spring and fall brown trout fishing along the beaches and around the pier. Also during the spring steelhead, lake trout and coho salmon are caught with the brown trout. In the fall, lake trout and steelhead move in close to the beach and become active. Hamlin Beach offers good surf and pier fishing in the spring and fall. Nighttime fishing is also good; however, a permit is needed for fishing after dark, which can be obtained at the park headquarters. The park is found off the Lake Ontario State Parkway and a boat launch for small boats is found in the park. Boat ramps for larger boats, with a fee are found just to the east of the park, on the west side of Sandy Creek off Lake Road, Route 19. Tackle can be had at some of the marinas or at the tackle shop on the corner of Lake Road, Route 19 and Route 18 about 3 miles inland from the lake. Camping is found year-round at the park, however, hotels are few and far between in the area, the best bet for a room is to head back towards Rochester.

The Genesee River is best known for its excellent fall salmon fishing, as fall salmon stack up off the river mouth from early September to late October. Trolling is best in the lake near the river mouth and in the lower portion of the river. The Genesee River has two large piers at its mouth, from which many fall salmon are caught. Casting spoons in the channel between the piers is best. During the spring Genesee River area provides

good brown trout, steelhead, lake trout, coho salmon and a few chinooks. Trolling or casting spoons off or around the piers is best. Also do not forget the Russell Power Station to the west of the Genesee River which attracts trout and salmon, spring and fall. No state ramps are found on the lower river. However, a county ramp is found on River Street on the west side of the river. Four or five large marinas are on the river; a small fee is required to launch. A tackle shop can be found on River Street near the county ramp. Hotels are located farther upstream towards Rochester.

The next stop is Irondequoit Bay just three miles to the east of the Genesee River. The causeway and bridges across the mouth of the bay is a congregating spot for spring and fall brown trout, steelheads, lake trout and a few coho salmon. A few trout and salmon are caught in the protection of the bay early in the spring and again in the late fall. Webster park, two miles to the east of the bay on Lake Road at the mouth of Mill Creek is also a good spring trout and salmon fishing area, around the pier in the park. One state boat ramp is located on Irondequoit Bay, off Lake Road near the causeway. However, access to the lake is limited to smaller boats because of the low bridge at the bay's outlet. Also in Webster Park there is a county ramp which launches right into the big lake. Hotels are available between the bay and Rochester, and camping is found to the east of Rochester on Route 286. This covers Monroe County, about a 7 hour drive on the Thruway to exit 45 to Rochester.

Wayne County is the mid-point on Lake Ontario and is also in the middle of some of the best trout and salmon fishing on the lake. Along the 55 miles of shoreline in Wayne County, Pultneyville and Sodus Bay provide the best fishing in the county. Pultneyville offers good spring brown trout fishing at the mouth of Salmon Creek to boat and shore fishermen. Pultneyville's best spring and fall fishing, however, occurs near the Ginna Nuclear Power Plant as trout and salmon are attracted to the warmer water. Pultneyville's most profitable fishing occurs during the summer as large concentrations of trout and salmon show up offshore. Deep, cold water close to shore make Pultneyville one of the best summer ports on Lake Ontario.

Sodus Bay is one of the best spring, summer and fall trout and salmon ports on Lake Ontario. Brown trout and coho salmon fishing starts early in April and remains good through May. Some steelhead, lake trout and Atlantic salmon are also caught in the spring. The best spring fishing occurs around the piers and just inside the bay. The west pier at the end of Wickham Blvd. off Rte. 14 is open to fishermen and provides excellent spring, and fall fishing. During the summer good schools of trout and salmon school up 2 to 6 miles outside the bay. Fall salmon fishing is very good around the piers as both boat and pier fishermen score heavy on big fall salmon, and as the water cools, trout, too, move inshore again. Just to the west of Sodus Bay, the mouth of Maxwell Creek, produces good spring and fall steelhead and brown trout fishing. As for public boat ramps, the Sodus Point Park boat launch next to the Coast Guard Station on Wickham Boulevard is closed from July 1st through Labor Day. The other ramp is the Town of Sodus Municipal boat launch on Route 14 at Sodus Point. Private boat launches on Sodus Bay can be found on Route 14 and Greig St. on the western side of the bay. A state ramp is 3 miles to the east of Sodus Bay at Port Bay on West Port Bay Road off Rte. 104. Bait and tackle shops can be found on Route 14 and Greig Street, Sodus Point. Hotels and camping are both available in good numbers in the areas.

Cayuga County, with only 15 miles of shoreline, has the shortest shoreline of all the counties on the lake, however, Cayuga does have some of the best brown trout fishing on Lake Ontario at Fair Haven. Fair Haven claims to be "Home of the Ontario's Big Browns," many of the ESLO Derby's largest browns have come from Fair Haven. The spring fishing for brown, steelhead, and a few coho salmon is best around the piers and just inside the bay. Other good trolling or casting areas are at the mouth of the "Pond" and the pier just to the east of Little Sodus Bay. Pier fishing on the east pier is very good. The pier may be reached off the State Park Road in the park, a state boat ramp is also located here. Offshore summer trout and salmon fishing is fair off Little Sodus Bay, however, fall fishing for brown trout and steelhead picks up again around the piers. Sterling Creek which flows into The Pond in the park is one of the better steelhead streams on Lake Ontario. Besides the state ramp on the eastern side of the bay, other marinas are found around the bay. Camping and cabins are available in Fair Haven State Park. Hotels can be found off Route 104A in Fair Haven. From southern New England to Fair Haven in Cayuga County, expect about a 6 hour ride to some of the best brown trout fishing on Lake Ontario.

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Oswego County is most popular with New England fishermen because of its closeness and excellent fishing. This county has about 40 miles of shoreline with the best fishing and access at Oswego, Little Salmon River, the Salmon River and North Sandy Pond. Man-made Oswego Harbor is a real spring hotspot. The power plant with its warm water discharge in the harbor attracts brown trout and coho salmon into the protected bay. Even on the roughest spring days, small open boats can fish inside the breakwalls with success. However, the bay can get very crowded on these days. Another spring hotspot is the bubble at Nine Mile Point power plant, to the northeast of Oswego. The warm water discharge attracts lake trout, brown trout and steelhead in the spring. Offshore summer fishing for trout and salmon is good 4 to 6 miles off Oswego in 100 to 140 feet of water. Fall finds chinook salmon schooling up just outside the harbor preparing to run up the Oswego River, making for some good fall salmon fishing. The lower Oswego River provides good fall, winter and spring salmon and trout fishing. Wrights Landing is a large state ramp in the protection of the harbor, off W. 3rd Street between the coal docks and the warm water discharge. Oswego is a fair size city with plenty of hotels, restaurants and tackle shops, and camping can be found outside the city limits.

The Little Salmon River at Mexico Point is right in the middle of some of the best fishing on Lake Ontario with Nine Mile Point a few miles to the north of the ramp. Spring fishing starts around the warm water discharge at Nine Mile Point. Some very limited shore fishing is allowed here just south of the plant. Boat fishermen do extremely well here with mostly trout and a few coho salmon. Spring trolling for trout is good along the shoreline in the area from Nine Mile Point north and east to Grindstone Creek at Selkirk Shores State Park. Offshore trolling in the summer is also good especially off Nine Mile Point where deep cool water is found within 2 miles off the point. By late August large chinook begin to school up offshore, fishing is great, but it is short lived as the salmon quickly move inshore. At this time trolling from the mouth of the Salmon River to the mouth of Grindstone Creek is where the best fishing will occur, however, a few salmon are caught at the mouth of the Little Salmon River. The piers at Selkirk Shores State Park next to the Grindstone creek provides excellent trout and salmon fishing during the spring and fall to boat and pier fishermen. This is one of my favorite areas on Lake Ontario. Selkirk Shores State Park is on Route 3 between the Salmon River and Mexico Point. The Mexico Point boat ramp is at the mouth of the Little Salmon River, off Route 104B on Mexico Point Road. Hotels and tackle shops can be found between Mexico and Pulaski, camping is available at the state park or at other camp grounds in the area.

The Salmon River, only two miles to the northeast of the Mexico Ramp, is best known for its fall salmon and winter steelhead fishing. The best spring fishing upstream is drifting spawn sac for steelhead. A few are trolled up at the river's mouth while trolling for browns. The best spring fishing in the lake occurs just south of the Salmon River, at the mouth of Grindstone Creek and farther south and west of the river. Summer trolling is good 4 to 7 miles offshore for salmon and trout. As fall approaches salmon start congregating off the river's mouth. By early September salmon are being caught in the shallow water around the river's mouth. Early in the day and again late in the day, large chinooks will be caught in 5 to 20 feet of water. During midday, salmon will back into 30 to 50 feet of water until they start to move again. Once the salmon move upstream, many are caught on spawn sacs and lures. Following the salmon upstream will be trout to feed on salmon eggs, many nice trout are also caught at this time in the river. The mouth of the Salmon River and the river itself provide some of the best

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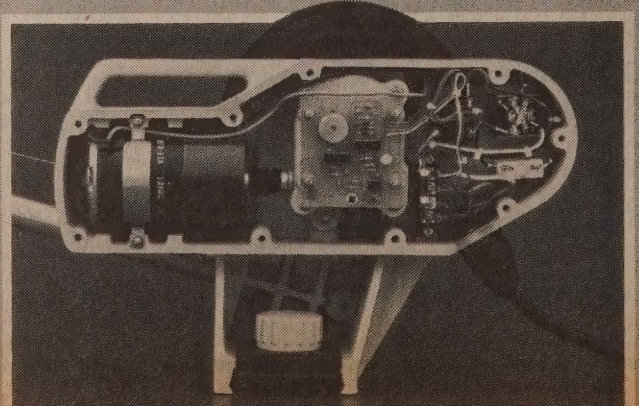

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salmon fishing on Lake Ontario. Plans are under way to build break walls to make a protected harbor, and to dredge the river mouth to make a deep channel. When the time comes, let's hope it does not hurt the salmon fishing on the Salmon River. A state ramp is located off Pineville Road, a half mile south of the river off Route 3. Other small private ramps are located on the lower river. A fee is charged for launching at these sites. Hotels and tackle can be found on Routes 3 and 13 back towards Pulaski, camping is found on Route 3 north and south of the river.

North Sandy Pond provides good spring brown trout fishing as the shallow water warms quicker over the sandy bottom. Trolling in Lake Ontario along the sandy shores and in the protection of the pond itself are both good early in the spring. Offshore trolling in the summer is fair, until mid to late August when the chinooks begin to school up offshore. At this time the salmon will be found in 80 to 120 feet of water, about 5 miles offshore from North Sandy Pond. Last August I landed a 34 lb. chinook off North Sandy Pond in 120 feet of water on a Dodger and Squid which was my largest Ontario chinook. Fall fishing for an occasional brown or lake trout is best around the inlet to Lake Ontario; however, the best fall fishing is for steelhead in North and South Sandy Creeks. As for boat ramps in the area, Lakeview Wildlife area at South Sandy Creek has a car top launch for small boats, marinas with pay ramps for larger boats can be found off Route 3. Hotels and cabins are found on North Sandy Pond, camping is just to the south of Sandy Pond on Route 3.

Oswego County has something to offer the trout and salmon fishermen all year with some of the best fishing on Lake Ontario. Oswego County is about a 5 hour drive to Interstate 81 which runs right through the county close to the lake.

Jefferson County, the last county on Lake Ontario, with its 70 miles of erratic shoreline and bays, has two main trout and salmon spots: Henderson Harbor and Sackets Harbor.

Henderson Harbor is best known for its great lake trout fishing; in fact, the best lake trout fishing on Lake Ontario, without question. Spring fishing in the bay in shallow water along the shore is very good for brown and lake trout. As the water warms, lake trout move out of the bay into an area between Stony Island and Stony Point, near the Stony Point Lighthouse. The water here reaches depths of over 100 feet and holds fish through the summer. Summer trolling in the area to the west of the boat ramp, will also give up an occasional chinook salmon while fishing for lake trout. Fall salmon fishing is only fair on the harbor. Better salmon fishing is found a short drive by car or boat at Sackets Harbor. A large state ramp is found on Henderson Harbor on Military Road off Route 178. Hotels, cabins, camping and tackle shops can all be found, south of Henderson Harbor on Route 3.

Sackets Harbor is a long, narrow protected bay at the mouth of the Black River. Spring fishing for large lake trout is very good along the lip of the canyon, a 60 foot deep, narrow, long channel with shallow water on all sides, off the mouth of the Black River. Summer trolling in the canyon for an occasional lake trout or brown trout is just fair as most of the trout move out to the deep water off Henderson Harbor. Fall salmon fishing is good in the canyon as salmon stack up here before moving up into the Black River. While trolling in the canyon with downriggers, one must watch the graph closely as the walls of the canyon come straight up and tackle is easily lost. The Sackets Harbor Municipal Launch is found off Route 3 on Sackets Harbor. Westcott Beach State Park, 4 miles south of the harbor, has a state camp which launches into Lake Ontario. Hotels and tackle shops can be found in Watertown, 5 miles inland from Sackets Harbor. This covers Jefferson County, and the best lake trout fishing on Lake Ontario is just a 6 hour ride on the Thruway to Interstate 81 north to Watertown.

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RELEASE 'EM RIGHT

by William A. Muller

The catch and release concept has been growing in this nation for some time now. I guess it all started when an adult attempted to explain to a child why the "little ones should be thrown back so they can grow into big ones." Because of being cautioned about the wisdom of limiting your catch, many young fishermen grow into adult fishermen and retain a conservation ethic.

When the fisheries resources of this country seemed endless, there also seemed no harm in keeping everything caught. However, pollution, overharvesting, habitat destruction, and other factors soon brought about the reduction, often dramatic, of many fish stocks. At this point fishermen began to organize and petition for legislation to prevent overharvesting and pollution. Beyond legislation, some angling groups organized for the purpose of making improvements separate from government.

These private organizations financed research, opened hatcheries, and promoted elaborate education programs on catch and release approaches to recreational angling. I suspect the first of these occurred in fresh water; catch and release education programs involving largemouth bass and trout. Today, the release ethic is accepted as "standard procedure" on many freshwater lakes and streams when fishing for bass and trout.

Private fishing organizations argued to fishermen the value of having fun by catching and letting the fish go so that someone else might catch them at even bigger sizes. Sooner or later, everyone would be on the receiving end of fish that had previously been set free and thus had the chance to grow to impressive sizes. In fact, many of the largemouths caught in many areas show evidence that they were released many times. Furthermore, experts point out that in many places where catch and release is a standard practice that immense largemouths in significant numbers are being caught for the first time in anyone's memory.

Even small fish, like this postage stamp flounder, should be returned gently. Avoid "throwing" fish back into the water.

It took awhile longer for catch and release to "catch" on in saltwater, but the last decade has seen rapidly accelerating interest in the concept. The bluefish glut played an important role in enlightening anglers about the value of releasing that which couldn't be and wouldn't be used. Normally, excess fish would have been sold, but with so many blues the bottom fell out of the pricing for the species and so, after awhile, they weren't wanted at the marketplace during peak season. The enjoyment of releasing fish thus was experienced for the first time by a host of people. In subsequent years, these same fishermen began to release fish for the "fun" of it; whether there was a glut or not!

An incredible percentage of short fluke in 1986 added to the frequency of fish release since everyone who went fluking in '86 had to release most of their fish or risk a fine!

Last, but not least, was the PCB moratorium on striped bass. All the bass caught, said NYS DEC, must be released. Releasing the little ones was known to many, because we've had a 16 inch size limit for a long time, and recently we've lived with the 24 inch limit. But, many anglers were able to avoid releasing bass by deliberately fishing in areas where small fish were just about unknown, or by using techniques that little bass couldn't respond to. The total ban on possessing bass meant that no matter when, where, or how you fish for bass they would all have to be released.

For many bass fishermen, releasing fish was totally new, and they simply didn't know how. They wanted to do a good job, but were quietly afraid that their lack of practice might mean the death of large stripers, especially in those first few months after the ban, magazines and newspapers ran a plethora of articles dealing with how to release large striped bass. We attended a few seminars, too, where there were many questions about releasing large bass, and we even participated in a few demonstrations of release in the surf for newcomers. All in all, there was a lot of real solid education out there to help with the problem, but in spite of this, the information escaped some people's view. Inevitably there were some losses of large bass because of a lack of information, a lack of experience, difficult fishing conditions and deeply hooked fish.

As we contemplate the inherent problems, we realize that two situations probably represent the majority of the problem. The first is catching a large bass from a boat, exacerbated by rough seas; and the second is in the surf, exacerbated by rough surf.

The small boat fisherman has an easier job of release. He or she can lean over the gunwale, unhook the fish and attempt the release. In most small boats there's no need to get the

fish in the boat. The main problem for the small boat angler is reviving a fatigued fish. A large fish cannot just be pushed away. Most large bass will be in shock after a battle with an angler. It is impossible to "walk" the fish, but one can hold the base of the gill cover, where it curves towards the mouth and swish the bass back and forth, which allows for oxygenated water to enter the mouth and pass over the gills. This practice can be continued until the fish shows signs of activity: raised fins, sharp wiggles, attempts to close the gills with power, etc.

Fishermen out of larger boats have a bigger problem. To unhook a fish it has to be brought onboard. They don't make a net big enough for some of the cow bass out there in the ocean. Of course, a gaff is a no-no since puncture wounds will make it hard for a fish to return to a normal life. There are only two alternatives. For someone who is good with a gaff, there is the lip gaffing style first developed for tarpon catch and release. An amateur should practice at home or on other species before attempting it on large bass. The other choice is cut the line. Some boats have a platform that a fisherman can climb onto, close to the water to facilitate both unhooking and the reviving process. Releasing a fish from a boat with a high gunwale is near impossible. Here we suggest that you fish with heavier tackle, thus landing the fish before it enters a shocked state. Then, as gently as possible toss the fish into the water; pray!

Releasing a fish in a rough surf is very hard. Heavier tackle, a quick unhooking and the use of all dispatch in getting the fish to the water will help to keep the fish in the best condition, making the release at once faster and more reliable. Beyond these suggestions, we offer the idea that you be prepared for both fishing conditions and the release conditions. By this I mean, if you are surf fishing in rough water and have reason to believe there is a chance of catching a large bass, or any fish that you might have to or want to release, then dress for the occasion. A pullover top put on over waders, a tight belt, the top's hood pulled up and cinched down, the top secure and tight at the neck, and the sleeves taped or velcroed tight are the steps that will make for a safer and more reliable release. Get in the water as far as you safely can. Push the fish's head back and forth in the water, by holding the fish under the gill cover where it curves to the head. Support the tail if you can, but in rough water that may be impossible. Keep an eye open for waves and lift the fish out of the water with all the larger crashing waves. At the same time set your feet and brace for the wave. When the fish shows signs of life (see above), push it beyond the first wave. Wait for a calmer series of waves that usually paces the larger sets.

Hope these ideas help. Good luck!

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EAST BAY FLATTIES

by Vincent Badame

Each March, come the first ten days or so, my buddy Jake, who hails from Valley Stream, calls to see if I would like to do some early flounder prospecting out his way? Never one to pass on a fishing trip—even if I'm running a moderate fever, which by the way has gotten me in trouble more than once, I'd agree in a hurry.

Usually two days before our planned trip, Jake asks me to load up on chum and bait. Not one to argue with the captain (it's Jake's boat we fish off of), two buckets of bank mussels and six dozen snake-size bloodworms is no bother for me with Jamaica Bay so close at hand. And it's a good excuse to get me out of the house after being cooped up all winter long.

Besides these above flounder baits, chowder clams are also readied (cut into two inch by half inch pennant shape slices and dyed yellow). Freezing the clam bait before the fishing trip softens its flesh, making it an ideal big flounder bait.

Studious fishermen who regularly seek flounder in eary spring follow one stipulation. Search out the warmest water available. Creek water warmed by sunlight that empties into East Bay is an ideal place for flatties to gather and feed. Warm water activates their appetites and if there is any rich, mud bottom and deep water nearby, this is the first area to try.

To solve the dilemma of which creeks warm up faster (there are approximately three dozen creeks of East Bay's), I'll call upon my knowledge of East Bay to pinpoint productive flounder areas for you.

All six creeks to be reviewed are on the northernmost shore of East Bay. These areas are sheltered by land and keep you out of harsh March winds. Fishermen without trailered skiffs can fish off the banks of these creeks.

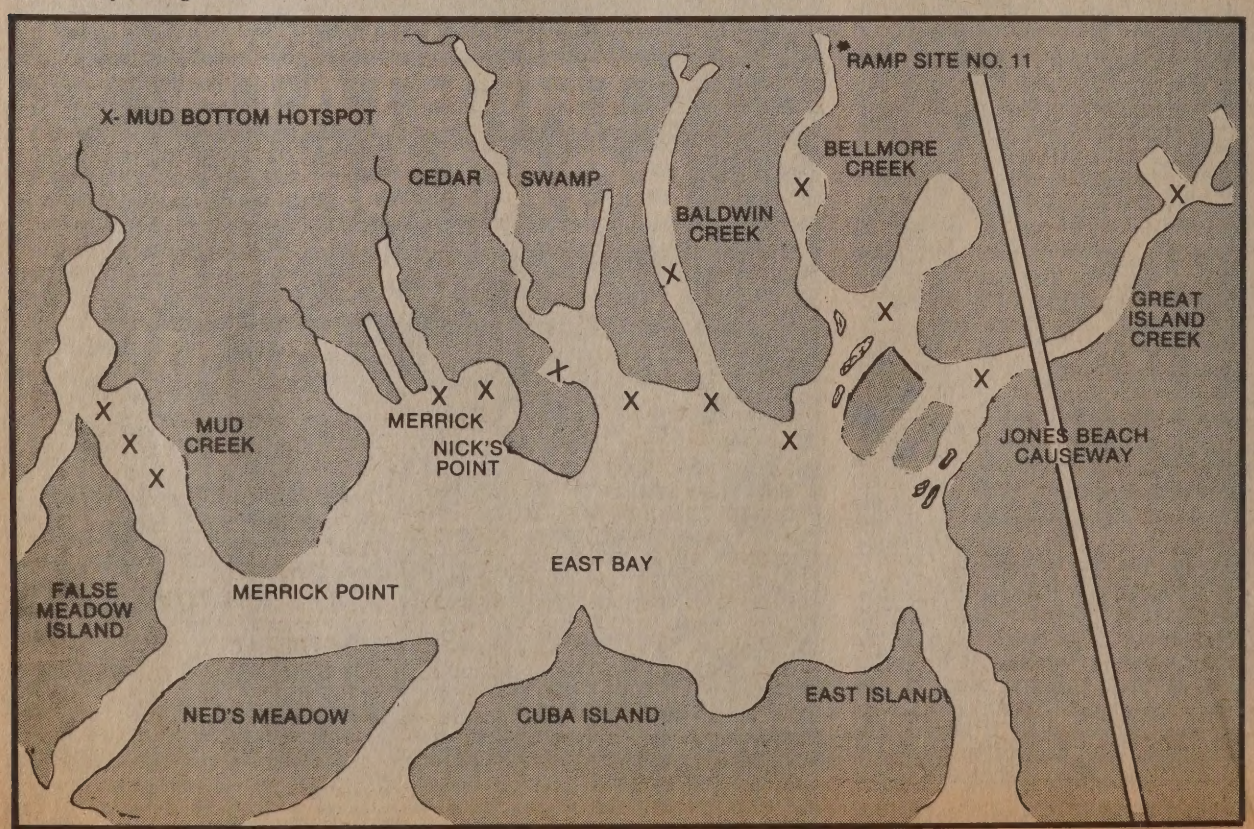
Starting with the creek that has a boat launch ramp off Bellmore Avenue (ramp site #11). Bellmore Creek can be productive at its end (right outside Wantagh Park's Marina), or just five minutes away from the ramp, directly south. There is a mud bottom with water depth of 25 feet in its center. Flounder love to snuggle down into this rich-in-life (small clams, shrimp, worms, etc.), mud up until mid-April. If fishermen haven't bounced the population of flatties found here into overkill, a dozen large flounder, along with keeper and postage-size fish, is common here.

To accomplish (or better) the above, two things must be done. You must chum to attract hungry flounder. Before you anchor up, drag something heavy along the bottom (under boat) to dislodge tiny worms, shrimp and clams from the mud.

Forget about using the anchor for raking bottom. Too much debris eats up anchors here. Instead, we use a clothesline tied to a cement cinder block and it drags along the bottom. You can also use the block as an additional anchor in the stern to keep your skiff from shifting.

Usually when we haven't fished an area for awhile we check to see if there are any flounder at home BEFORE the chum filled pot is lowered. It makes little sense to chum an area void of flatties. If you catch two or more fish at first, it's wise to begin chumming.

A word about chum and how to use it. To keep messy crushed mussles from underfoot, crush and freeze (both mussel and juices) inside milk containers. Container is peeled off right before the chum is needed, the block is placed inside chum pot (we



use gallon pot filled to top) and lowered uptide of where our baited rigs will be fished.

Tackle to use on East Bay's flounder population can be as light as you wish. My own preference is a medium light-weight 6 foot popping rod. A reel like Garcia's 5500C filled with 15 pound non-fluorescent clear mono is a nice match for this rod. To your line's end, add a three ounce bank sinker with a dropper loop tied two inches above the sinker. Attach two tandem tied #8 Mustad 3665A bronze streamer hooks to the dropper loop. I prefer this hook for it has a very sharp point (no need to sharpen it; plenty sharp straight from box) and the long shank makes unhooking a breeze.

The three ounce sinker is used to bounce bottom, stirring up a cloud of mud which may attract a nearby flattie. The route I go is to bounce the sinker hard on bottom, when it gets stuck in mud, a slow raise of the rod, and another bounce, produces the mud cloud below. Patiently leave your rig still a minute, then raise the rod slowly to feel for weight or a possible jiggle.

Some fishermen may go so far as to add a colored tube or bead above the hook to increase their catch. But in East Bay, using a quarter size glob of mussel, strip of dyed clam, and even three inch piece of bloodworm is all you'll need.

A word on mussel baits. Most fishermen shuck their mussels before the ride out to the fishing grounds. I prefer not to since pre-shucked mussels lose too much of their juices. The night before the trip, I drain all excess water out of the mussel bucket. And do this again in the morning. This eliminates opening water filled mussels in cold temps, outdoors.

The trick to using mussel as flounder bait is the fresher, the better. I shuck mussels at the fishing grounds as needed and drop overboard the emptied shells as an additional flattie attractor.

Complaints that mussels are too soft to stay on the hook are familiar. To this, I say use a thin wire hook (#3665A or Mustad Sproat #3366) and thread on with the following method.

Thread your hook through the little black foot of the yellow bank mussel's flesh. Next twist the mussel around the hook shank and push hook point through mussel just below the black foot. Repeat a couple more times and end by burying the hook's point into the soft mussel belly. It might sound like a lot of work, but with practice it can be done (from shucking to baited hook) in 15 snaps of your fingertips. And you'll have the freshest bait available.

Other creeks that harbor pockets of winter flounder are Great Island, which sweeps under the northernmost Jones Beach Causeway Bridge. For shore anglers, the southwest corner's bank is popular. Baldwin Creek's mouth at low water is a locally known hotspot. Cedar Swamp and Merrick (off Nick's Point) are regular skiff fishermen's haunts. If you intend using a large boat back amongst these spots, keep close to channel markers and don't run in amongst anchored skiffs. Too many times (twice myself) a skiff's anchor rope is sucked up by careless larger craft coming too close. In some cases, a skiff might be overturned. Be careful traveling through congested areas.

Last, but not least is our favorite area. Mud Creek is large flounder land. A favorite area (can hold two dozen fishing craft with elbow room) is to round Merrick Point, follow the creek's north shore until False Meadow Island's Point is on your left and a small peninsula (sand bar) stretches out into the creek on your right. The water depth starts at 10 feet, then drops quickly to 23 feet. The bay's largest flatties seem to come from this area each year. Dyed yellow clam strips get the nod here as bait.

To get started in Mud Creek, get there early before the area's sharpies. And use more chum than normal (8 chum blocks for 4 hours of tide) to draw snowshoe size flounder to your skiff. Also, a little trick for those flounder specialists who want to nail more larger flounder here, or back in their own waters.

Above my hooks a dyed yellow sponge is attached. It makes a big difference when using dyed clam, or mussel. Foam sponge material which is used inside car seats has less color (nearly clear) and no smell. Cut into 3/4 inch square and thread on hook leader. Soak up juice from clam or mussel after baiting hook. The sponge releases a tiny stream of bait juice to seduce hungry flounder. Many large flatties will also swallow sponge with hook too. Got this idea from catfishermen down South who use chicken blood soaked in sponge.

Moon tide currents are stronger in Mud Creek. And larger flounder have lovingly earned the nickname "bucking bronco flounder" by regulars. For fish can, and do buck loose of your hook's hold—that's if you use small hooks. Move up to size six hook to land more of this large flounder. If you have a fluke net I suggest you bring it along. For some three plus pounders are nailed and netting them (or a double-header of 2 pound plus flatties) is essentially wise.

Well, there you are. East Bay may take some fishermen awhile to understand. But you have gotten a head start on most. Of course, there are many fantastic bays that offer excellent flattie fishing on Long Island. Moriches is one that comes to mind. But to go that far to fish in wide open bays in early March (that's if fish are up and about then?), and that long drive home for west enders is no pleasure for most. I'll never turn up at nose at East Bay flattie fishing—which has gone unnoticed by fishermen who still prefer heading further east to "greener pastures."

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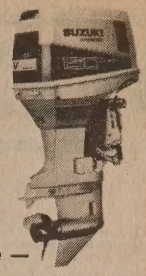

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THE TERMINAL END: WINTER FLOUNDER

by Russ Wilson

A very popular fish is the winter flounder, each year providing hundreds of thousands of recreational hours for fishermen and an equal number of tasty meals for those who are fortunate to know how, when and where to catch these tasty flatfish.

The common blackback flounder, *Pseudopleuronectes americanus*, makes one wonder why most fishermen refer to this small flatfish as a flounder and not by its easy to pronounce Latin moniker.

For many coastal fishermen the season starts and ends with a fishing trip for the lowly (no pun intended) winter flounder. The blackback is a two season fish, entering the coastal estuaries in the fall and, after spawning, returning to the open sea in the late spring or early summer.

Knowledgeable winter flounder anglers enjoy excellent catches at either time; however, most fishing pressure is directed toward the spring fishery, at a time when other saltwater species are in short supply and most anglers will try for anything they can catch just to get out of the house and do some fishing.

The common blackback flounder is part of a very large family of flatfish, with more than 200 known species inhabiting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The blackback is distributed from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to waters off the coast of Georgia. More commonly, however, it is found inhabiting waters from Maine to South Jersey and throughout this area provides a viable fishery for recreational and commercial fishermen.

The name blackback fits the general appearance of the winter flatfish. It is black on the back and milky on the underside. Color variations do occur, and in some areas the back will have a reddish tint, a brown hue or the fish may have a brownish color that is mottled to blend with its surroundings.

Blackback flounder have been taken from water depths in excess of 400 feet and in the estuaries where only several inches of water covered their hideaway. Flounder prefer a mud/sand type bottom, although when this bottom composition is not available they will inhabit muddy areas or will select a solid sand or clay and sand bottom.

Occasionally thought to be a fluke (summer flounder) by novice fishermen, the blackback is a "right-handed" fish, and when placed on its stomach will face to the right. The summer flounder, is a left-handed fish, or faces to the left when placed belly down on a table. Another dead giveaway is the mouth and teeth. Winter flounder have a small mouth with rubbery lips, while the larger summer flounder has a larger mouth and sharp dentures that are designed for catching and killing smaller prey.

The average size winter flounder taken by sport fishing methods will weigh about one pound and will measure about 12 inches from tip of nose to tail. It is, however, not at all unusual to catch flounder weighing two pounds and more.

Quincy Bay, famed for its phenomenal flounder fishing, normally yields many 3 to 4½ pound flounder each spring and again during the late fall when the flatfish are moving into the bay for the winter months.

Larger fish of up to 5 lbs. and more have been recorded at Montauk. These "snowshoes" as they are called, are not as plentiful as they once were and are not commonly found in areas other than those located off Long Island's Montauk and around the Block Island section off Rhode Island.

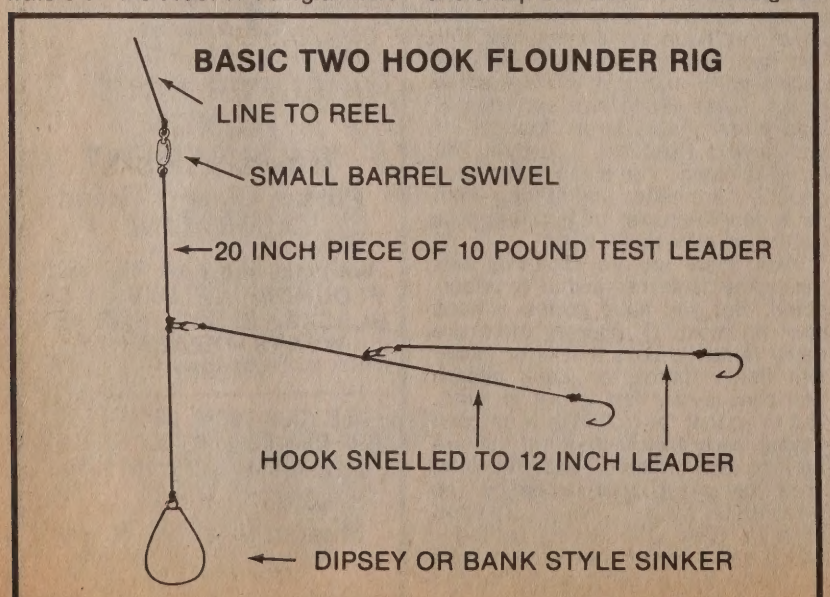
Spawning normally occurs during the tag end of winter. Depending on location along the Atlantic Seaboard, flounder will spawn sometime after mid-February. In New Jersey spawning occurs during late February, March and April. In more northerly waters, flounder may not complete spawning until as late as June. Actual dates when spawning occurs will depend on water temperatures in each area.

Once spawning has been accomplished, the fish will head back to the open waters of the sea to fatten up and to again prepare for their return journey to the coastal estuary waters where the life cycle is repeated.

Blackbacks, as with most members of the flatfish family, are excellent to eat. They have a firm white flesh that takes well to pan frying, broiling, baking or poaching. Flounder fillets can be frozen for extended periods of time without losing flavor or nutritional value.

Many fishermen seek the winter flatfish because they are good to eat, but an added bonus is the fact that most anyone with only a basic amount of fishing knowledge can be successful at catching flounder.

As many newcomers to flounder fishing have discovered, glamorous equipment is not necessary to catch the little winter flatfish. Most any spinning, casting or popping type outfit will qualify as a flounder outfit. All that is really needed is a rod to cast the baits and a reel to crank in the line when a fish has been hooked.


BASIC TWO HOOK FLOUNDER RIG
LINE TO REEL
SMALL BARREL SWIVEL
20 INCH PIECE OF 10 POUND TEST LEADER
HOOK SNELLED TO 12 INCH LEADER
DIPSEY OR BANK STYLE SINKER

More coastal area blackback fishermen will use lightweight spinning or plug casting type rods measuring 5½ to 7 feet in length and rated to handle weights of up to 1½ or 2 ounces. This is a medium action rod which will be listed as such in most major tackle company catalogs.

Spinning or conventional type casting reels, filled with 6, 8 or 10 pound test line should fill the bill nicely and are plenty heavy enough to handle most any flounder you are likely to hook when fishing Atlantic Coast estuaries.

Winter flounder vary in size, but each one has the same body make-up, meaning that they have a very small mouth and cannot ingest big offerings or large hooks. Sharpies at flounder fishing will generally go to a smaller size hook before picking one a size larger than is really necessary.

A lot of successful flounder fishermen use only size 6, 8 or 10 medium shank beak style hooks when seeking flounder. The reasoninsg behind this choice is that a fish can easily take a small hook into its mouth but may not be able to handle a size 2 or 4 hook and a piece of worm or clam.

The time honored Chestertown model hooks are still very popular although many of today's "flounder experts" are using a slightly shorter shank in the Chestertown style hook which has a black finish rather than the gold, silver or bronzed models used by many commercial rig companies. Most major hook manufacturers offer a variety of styles for flounder.

Winter flounder have a rather limited menu of foods they will eat. Sea worms, including sand, blood or tape are among the best offerings. Clam or mussel are a close second and will, on occasion, prove more effective than worms, especially for catching larger flounder.

Due to the small mouth of the flounder, you must prepare baits that are bite size. Most experienced fishermen cut the worms into pieces measuring 1½ to 2½ inches in length. Clam strips of about the same length and less than 1/2 inch in width are equally productive. Mussels, because of their soft texture, must be wrapped onto the hook or the flounder will steal the bait without getting stuck.

It pays to have a selection of baits when seeking blackbacks. Quite often the fish will show interest in a strip of clam, but will completely ignore the traditional piece of sand or blood worm. At other times they may jump all over a piece of blood worm while disdaining sand worm, clam or mussel. By carrying a selection of proven baits you have all bases covered and should be in a position to cash in on any situation you encounter.

Chumming is equally important to being a success on the flounder grounds. Most experienced flounder fishermen we've known used some type of chum when fishing the spring

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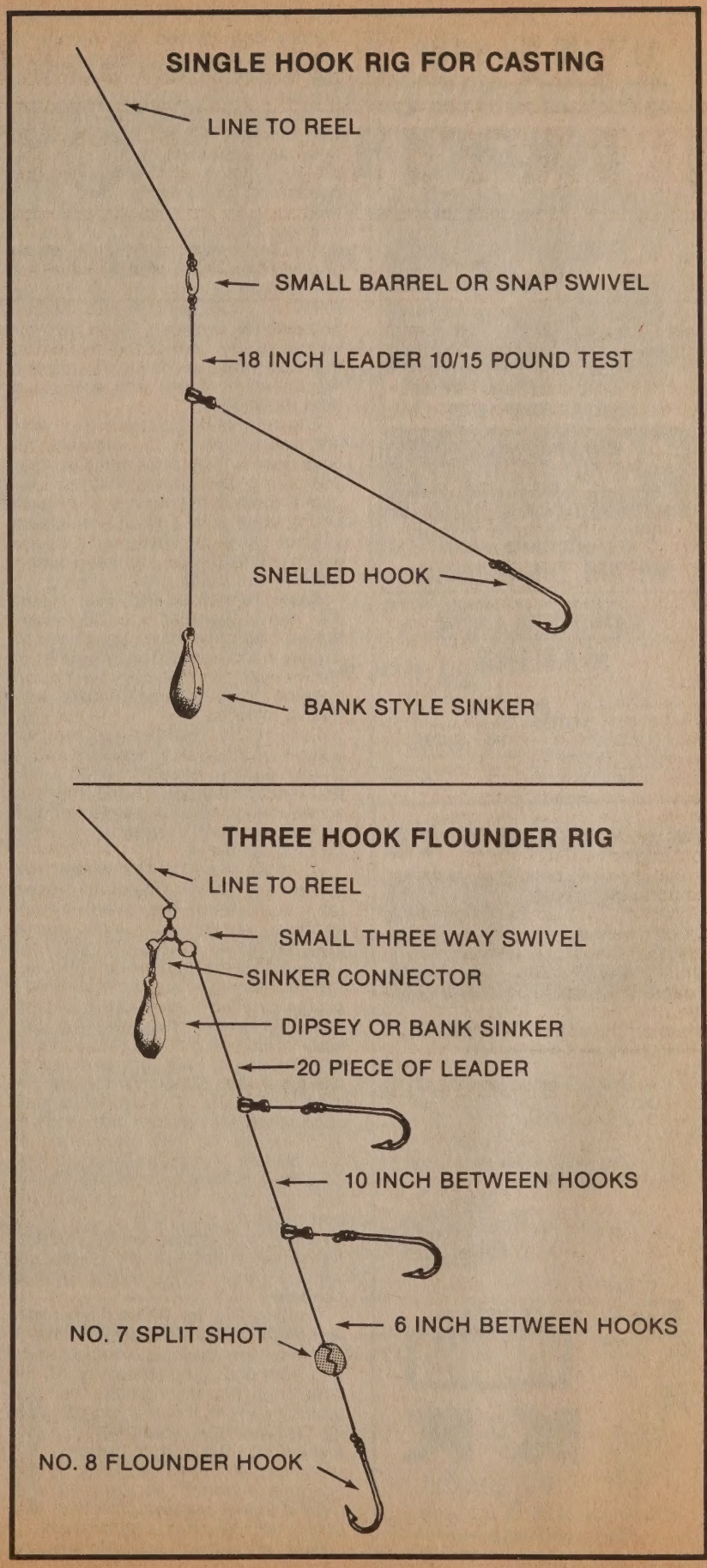

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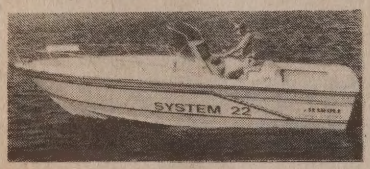

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run fish. Crushed clam or mussels, canned corn, boiled rice, ground up menhaden (bunker), canned tuna, cat food and even rabbit food pellets are proven flounder attractors. There is no doubt whatsoever that chumming will increase your catch of winter flounder! However, chumming is an art, as anyone who has spent time chumming for winter flounder will attest.

If you chum too heavily all you will accomplish is to feed the fish you are hoping to catch. Chum too lightly and the reverse occurs with no flounder following the slick to its source. Somewhere between these two extremes is the correct technique, and that may vary from day to day depending on water depth and amount of tidal movement.

The rigs we'll illustrate this week are well known by the regulars and have been proven after many years of use along the North Atlantic Seaboard. Each is reasonably easy to tie and anyone with a basic knowledge of knot tying can make up a couple dozen in less than an hour at a cost of under a half dollar each.

Basic Two Hook Bait Rig: This is the most popular of all winter flounder bait rigs. It has been used for decades and is probably the most effective way to present two bottom hugging baits in areas where tidal flow is minimal.

Easy to tie, this arrangement will usually produce fish. Start off with a 20 inch section of *stiff* 10 or 15 pound test leader material. At one end form a perfection loop for the sinker. The opposite end will be attached to a barrel or snap swivel.

At about midway between the swivel and sinker, make a dropper loop and attach (via a lark's head knot) a snelled (12 inch leader) flounder hook.

Next, fold the leader of that hook at the middle and insert the loop from a second snelled hook over the fold and bring the hook through the loop that was formed by folding the leader of the first hook. Pull tight and use an overhand knot to secure the second leader in place. This forms a solid connection that allows both baits to work natural as they move about in the current. And, when a fish is caught on the top hook, that hook will not slide down and tangle with the bottom hook.

Many experienced winter flounder fishermen prefer this setup because with it they often catch double-headers.

Casting Rig for Shore Fishermen: Quite often it is necessary to "reach out" for the flounder. Anglers who fish from docks, bulkheads or off the beach may find this rig suits their particular needs. It, too, is a very effective rig for situations where fast currents make it difficult to hold bottom.

We use an 18 inch leader to tie this rig. It is important to start off with regular leader material, the type that is very stiff and has a hard finish.

Start off by tying a perfection loop at one end of the leader. This is for the sinker. Three inches above the sinker make a dropper loop and, using a lark's head connection, attach a regular snelled flounder hook.

At the other end of the leader you can attach a barrel swivel or a snap swivel.

This rig requires a minimum of hardware and is about as versatile a bottom rig as you are likely to find. Flounder anglers who use this rig when fishing inlets will find it increases catches and cuts out the amount of tangles that normally occur when using multiple hook rigs in fast current.

If you prefer a second hook, just follow the tying directions that are used when making the basic two hook bottom rig.

Three Hook Bait Rig: Some anglers just don't know when to quit. In recent years, more and more flounder fishermen have gotten into the habit of using 3, 4 and even 5 hooks on their winter flounder rigs. There is no doubt that when the fish are bunched up and in a mood to feed, the multi-hook rigs will produce. But, unless the rig is tied correctly you will have constant tangles.

Start off with the standard 20 inch piece of *stiff* leader material. Ten or fifteen pound test is more than adequate for tying flounder rigs. Snell a No. 6, 8 or 10 medium length hook to one end of the leader and pinch on a No. 7 split shot. A lot of fishermen substitute a 1/8 or 1/4 ounce rubber core sinker for it will not damage the leader since it does not require pressure to keep it in place.

Five or six inches above the bottom hook form a dropper loop and push the leader through the eye of a second No. 6, 8 or 10 hook. Pull this knot tight so the loop locks around the eye of the hook.

A second loop can then be tied in 8 to 10 inches above the first. Follow the same procedure described above to attach your third hook.

The end of the leader is tied direct to a three way swivel and to complete the rig simply attach a connector for the sinker and tie the remaining eye of the three way to your fishing line.

These are the basic rigs. You can add fish attracting appeal to each rig by using various colored beads or short pieces of dyed bucktail. We prefer bright beads and will generally select yellow, fluorescent red, orange, pink or pearl when using beads to dress up the rig. The beads can be purchased at most any shore area bait and tackle shop that caters to winter flounder fishermen or you can order them direct through most mail order outfits.

If you elect to try beads, remember to slide them onto the leaders before completing the knots. Once you've drawn a knot tight, you cannot attach the beads and you'll have to re-tie the rig from step one.

It's time to go fishing. The spring run of flounder should be poking their noses out of the mud now.

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LOOKING BACK ON DAYS OF YOUTH

by Matt Ahern

Cold enough for you? Still waiting to hear about the first flounder in someone's bucket? Cheer up. Only a short time to go. But while we wait, let me take you back to hot summer days, when the sea is flat calm and the color of lidquid lead, when not a breath of air is stirring, and it is hot, hot, hot! Let me take you back to the fluke fishing days of my youth.

It is very hard for me to believe that a span of 60 years has nearly past since I caught my first fluke. I guess one might say a lot of water has passed under the bridge, and a lot of fluke have gone into my bucket since 1927. And do you know that except for the summer I spent recuperating from open-heart surgery, and the three years I spent in the Army during World War II, I haven't missed one fluke season. And even then that war couldn't stop me, for I managed a couple of trips during the summer of 1944 while on furlough. You see, even a devastating world war failed to keep a dedicated fisherman down. (I'll admit since the surgery, I've lost some of the gung-ho attitude and the let's go get 'em thinking that dominated all my fishing life.)

I was 12-years-old when I caught my first fluke. (Oh, my!) And I don't mind telling you I was the dumbest kid in my Brooklyn neighborhood when it came to the how-to of fluke fishing. My fault, of course. There was no reason for me to be all that ignorant. All I needed to do was approach one of the neighborhood's old-timers and ask how to go about it. But not me! I wasn't about to admit I didn't know. Ah, pride!

At the time, I had three fishing buddies: Artie Leidecker, Jimmy Anderson and Aaron Feldman. Only Artie and I are left now. Jimmy and Aaron died in that Second World War—Aaron on Guadalcanal and Jimmy in Sicily.

Even in those long gone days, Artie was a grouch; I couldn't get to first base with him. "Dammit! Don't bother me with your fluke fishing! Ask someone else. I don't know." As for Jimmy, he was as ignorant as I, but several years later he and I made up for it with the Jamaica Bay fluke and weakfish. Someday I'll tell you about the wonderful fishing we enjoyed in the area that is now spanned by the Marine Parkway Bridge. And Aaron. Poor, gentle Aaron, Aaron whom I loved like a brother, fluke were as unknown to him as the dark side of the moon. But each summer he and I sure put a dent in the snapper and lafayette population around the Canarsie Pier! (He also became a crackerjack blackfisherman a few years later.)

And so it went. But as time passed I could stand it no longer. I just had to catch a fluke! I'd have to find out myself just how to go about it. That spring I had made my first party boat trip on board the old World War I exsubchaser, Fidus from Canarsie. I caught ling that day, a day I'll never forget. So, I reasoned, when the fluke come in the sensible thing to do would be to go party boat fishing and see what it's all about. Certainly, firsthand information was better than hearsay.

Just as I'll never forget that first ling fishing trip, I'll never forget that first fluke fishing trip.

I caught 17 fluke that day, which by today's standards may seem to be an outstanding catch for a beginner. It really wasn't, though. In fact, if I had had previous fluke fishing experience there is no question I would have caught the 40 or more most fishermen decked that day.

I'm aware that it will be difficult for many sinker bouncers who read this to believe fluke fishing was actually that good in those long-gone days. But I kid you not. In fact, any crackerjack fluke fisherman on a good day (we had slow days, too) could without strain or pain put 50 or more goodsized fluke in the old butter tub.

Most of our fluke fishing those days was done on the Sandy Hook grounds. Competition was keen, for there were always 20 or more fluke fishing party boats drifting that area on a nice summer day. The best fishing was done off The Cedars area of the Hook—most of our doormats (10 to 14 pounds) came from that area. But crowded conditions mattered not. The fish were there. And there was no such thing as fishermen in one boat knocking 'em dead while fishermen in other boats looked on in silent frustration. If you caught fish, everyone caught fish. July and August were the best months, with the edge favoring July. June produced few ocean fluke for us, and by September the fish were gone for greener pastures, although at the close of the season some truly large fish were available around the offshore Sea Bright pound nets. These huge fish were never in great quantity, but 8 and 10 pounders were common—if you could connect. Many of these large fish reached the 16 lb. range, though I never caught one that size.

As for fluke fishing tackle, it was a far cry from what we use today. Drop lines were common—in fact, I used one for a good, long time before I became affluent enough to purchase a rod and reel of my own. Rods and reels (mostly sidewinders) often came my way as compassionate fishermen tried to make things easier for "that kid." Spinning gear was unheard of, of course, and conventional rods and reels were often cumbersome. Rod making was popular, just as it is today, and I remember converting an old hickory billiard cue into a codfishing stick. It was as pliable as a telephone pole, but it sure put the cod on deck.

Our line was white and made of Irish linen. For fluke fishing, it was best to use six thread stuff. Each strand (or thread, if you will) tested out to three pounds, which meant six thread line was of 18 pound strength; dry strength, that is. When wet, it was difficult to say just how strong Irish linen line became. I sometimes think we could have towed one of those Europe to America passenger liners which were always passing by. But this Irish linen's one hitch, its one flaw, was the havoc saltwater raised with it. If you failed to wash it in fresh water after each use, and hang it in the shade to dry, it soon weakened—often at a crucial moment.

As for rigs, we always used a plain three-foot "catgut" leader on which was a silk-wrapped regular shank 4/0 Sproat hook. And let me say right now that never once did I see spinner blades or other whirling gizmos in use. When fluke fishing, we believed in keeping it simple. (A word to the wise is sufficient.)

Bait, of course, was the time honored two inch killie. We rarely used such exotic baits as sea robin strips, or squid. If a small fluke came aboard, say a one pounder (we never, never saw the shorts so prevalent today) the white underside was immediately cut into three inch strips, a half-inch wide. This was fished with the killie as a combination bait. It was

this combo that brought our doormats over the rail. These average doormats seldom exceeded 11 pounds—most were 8 to 9 pounders...except, of course, for an occasional monster. We always used a gaff to lift the fish over the rail; never a net. The average fluke, though, was 1½ to 2 pounds; however, on an average day, you could rely on landing several three/four pounders—and maybe one of five. If you were lucky, that is. Should anyone attempt to con you by saying the average fluke caught those days was three/four pounds, tell them you know better. Old Matt was there. One-and-a-half to two pounds was it.

We did much casting for our party boat fluke those days, although, truthfully, it wasn't necessary if all you wanted was fish. But if you wanted a shot at the pool (and who didn't?), it was best to cast. This is why stern and bow locations were always considered choice locations during those days of fantastic fluke fishing.

At the time there were no restrictions on party boat casting, and in all the years I put in ocean fishing for fluke, I saw but one hooking accident. It was a beauty, let me tell you—it made me gun shy for a long time.

I've written about this incident before, but I'll repeat it for those who haven't read it. (Take it as a warning as to the danger of not keeping one's wits in tune at all times.)

At the time of this tale, most reels in use were sluggish sidewinders and to cast a rig as far as possible meant that a certain method had to be used for best results. What follows is how I and every fluke fisherman I knew did it. The killie-baited rig was placed on deck and positioned near one's heel—usually the right one if the fisherman was right-handed. Slack line was then peeled from the reel until the three foot leader and eight ounce bank sinker lay straight out and exactly under the tip of the rod as it was held outstretched and to the side. (Surf casters can still be seen using this method.)

Now came the dangerous part.

Because fluke fishing party boats those days were always crowded it became an unwritten law for those fishermen who cast to warn those nearby. When everyone was alerted, the fisherman would whip the rig out with all his might. That sinker and hook would come up and over in a vicious arc and hopefully sail out far enough to do some good in the pool winning department.

Well, one afternoon the rigs were sailing all over the place and the fish were coming aboard in great numbers. Hit bottom, jig once or twice, lift and there would be Mister Fluke. No strain. No pain.

In the midst of all this commotion, the fisherman on my right made ready to cast. I heard him warn everyone of his intention, but in the fishing excitement one poor guy forgot where he was. This fellow walked across the stern to the large dish pan holding the killies, bent over to search for a bait of suitable size—just as that fisherman on my right gave a mighty heave and whipped the rig up and out.

Well! I don't need to tell you what happened. That poor fisherman was nearly lifted off the deck. Because this is a family magazine, I won't tell you where that guy got that 4/0 Sproat, but if you think of the worst place you'd want one driven into you with such force, you'll be close enough.

And do you know, after the skipper removed the hook with true cave-man tactic and doctored the wound with iodine (which is enough to make me shudder today), that fisherman went back to his fluke fishing. Talk about iron men! Had that happened today, the Coast Guard would have been called and the wounded man air-lifted to the nearest hospital. But those days there were no electronics whatsoever; no way to call needed help. You were out there on your own, buddy, and there were only two who counted when the chips were down: God and your skipper.

Anyway, that's the way fluke fishing was in the "Roaring Twenties" when I was a boy growing up in Brooklyn. Plenty of fish, with enough danger to add spice to the day and with enough memories to carry me through the lean times.

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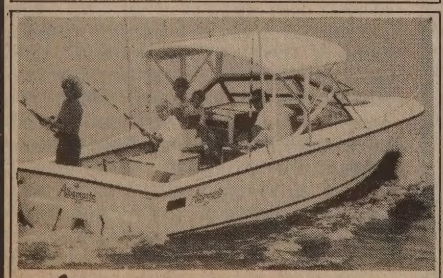

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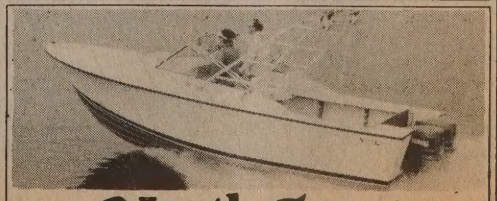

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CUSTOM BUTT WRAPS:

BASIC WEAVING

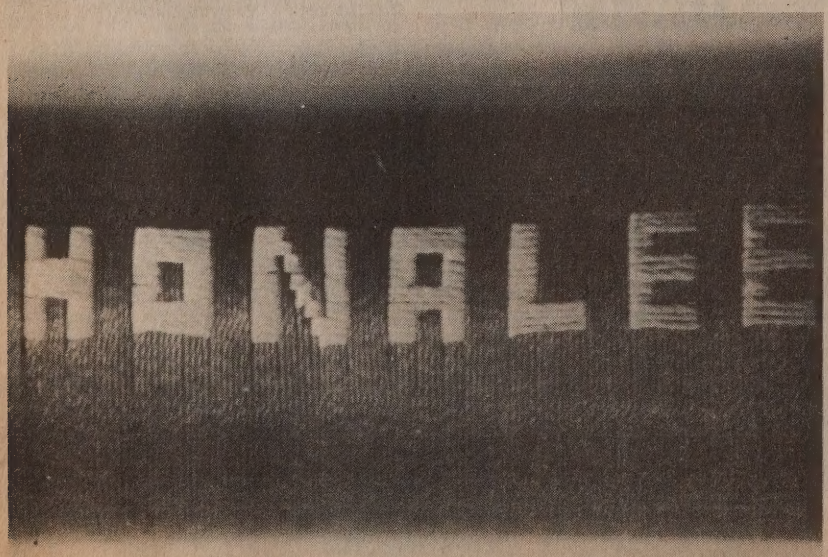
by Ted Bingham

In the past weeks we have seen the many variations that can be accomplished with thread. All had one point in common. They all required thread to be spiraled up and down the blank. Regardless of shape or color, it was the crossing pattern of these threads that determined the final design. Now it's time to explore another technique, called weaving. This necessitates an entirely different approach. Simply stated, weaving is the placing of a specified number of horizontally laid threads, either above or below an underwrap. Those sections remaining above will combine and form a predetermined letter or figure. Using this system, any number of items may be implanted into a wrap. The most common is letter weaving. Later, after obtaining a complete understanding of the subject, figures such as fish, boats, even entire scenic patterns will pose no threat.

Weaving was originally received as graciously as the bubonic plague. This paranoia is totally unfounded. Although hesitant at first, those I have taught quickly realize that it is definitely not the most difficult wrap. Some even prefer it to the diamond wrap, contending it's less time consuming and easier. Although it is true that a weave can be completed in less time than a diamond, it covers a substantially smaller blank area. For this reason, I usually reserve weaves for additions to the diamond. Most figures and names only use a maximum of two inches of space. Therefore, a common application would be to incorporate it into one of the base wraps at either end of the diamond. Another use would be to dress up an otherwise bland outrigger or tag stick with a name or fish design.

Perhaps the best way to grasp the actual weaving process would be to try it. Your initiation will be to weave the number 1, which is the least complicated of all.

Begin by cutting 5 small lengths of yellow thread. Lay them along the blank and secure each end with double stick tape. Now, starting at the left, spiral about 10 turns of a blue base wrap over them. This will hold the weaving threads in place at the left. Remove the threads taped on the right, place them over the base wrap and secure them on the left side. Take 3 more turns of the base wrap, over bare blank and return all 5 threads to the right again. Continue the base wrap a few more turns and—presto—the number 1 appears. All there is to weaving is manipulating the threads under and over the base wrap.



Step one of a weave is to lay the threads out along the blank and secure the ends.

Before we begin the preparations and basics, you should be aware of the outcome. We are dealing with horizontally laid threads being crossed at right angles. Certain shapes, therefore, are impossible. All the patterns will have squared edges. Care, knowledge and experience can reduce this somewhat, so that they are only visible under the closest scrutiny. Weaving is analogous, in principle, to the performance of the new LCD depth sounders. The display screen of these sonars is divided into hundreds of tiny squares, called pixels. When a current is applied to the pixels they turn dark. Those without current remain the color of the screen. It is the selected dark pixels that produce the picture against the background of the others. Notice that the display items, fish, bottom, wrecks, all have squared edges. Since pixels are square there is no other choice.

The same process is true for weaving. Threads cross at right angles leaving a square of thread visible. Weaving has three advantages over the LCDs: thin thread, larger numbers and manipulation of the design all lead to reducing the square edge effect. Too many pixels create viewing difficulty, whereas many thin threads equal better definition. In weaving, a curve is produced by stepping the thread. It is very similar to the circle design we discussed. Gradually, an increasing amount of threads are placed next to each other. The edges are still square, but viewed from a distance it appears to be rounded. Let's reserve the exact details until after the basics are covered. The techniques are best comprehended if block letters are tackled first. Since square edges are expected here, size D thread is adequate. In fact, its large diameter hastens the wraps since less threads are needed per letter. Later, when you endeavor to try detailed designs, a switch to size A is warranted. The extra time and effort will be obvious.

In preparing to weave a pattern, the first concern must be the rod support. As can be seen from our quick exam-

ple, two hands are needed. A firm support, capable of securing the blank in a stationary position is required. Most electric motors allow a blank to turn freely and being in direct opposition to our needs, should not be used. Depending upon the support employed, some minor adjustments may be necessary. Rollers should be restricted from moving with the aid of tape or rubber bands. The setup I use contains three adjustable wooden uprights with padded V notches cut in them. The more pressure applied to the blank, the tighter it sits in the notches.

Beginning the layout, read any notes thoroughly and decide on a planned course of attack. In addition, always keep extra tape handy so any that fails may be replaced promptly.

The exact position of a weave is strictly arbitrary. It may be placed on the sides, spline or, in rare cases, completely around the blank. Some designs have a more profound appearance if they are on a slant rather than straight. This is especially effective on leaping fish such as makos and billfish. The slight off-center position combined with the curved shape of the subject enhances the design.

The first decision that must be made pertains to design size. Height, width and spacing must be considered before the weaving begins. Thirty, half-inch tall letters on a fly rod blank wouldn't be terribly pleasing to the eye. The first step is to determine how many threads equal to a given height. This should have been figured when the box patterns were covered. If it was not, a good rule of thumb is 15 size D threads equal about 1/4 inch. Similar breakdowns should be made for all size threads involved. With this reference in our bag of tricks, decide what height is appropriate for your particular blank diameter. The majority of offshore sticks will easily accommodate this size letter as a minimum.

The following ratios are strictly arbitrary. If you like taller or wider letters, feel free to compile your own formulas. Just maintain a size that is proportionate to the blank's diameter. Generally speaking, I have found that a letter's width should be 80 percent of its height. Therefore, a 15 thread high letter will be 12 base wraps wide. This, of course, would change with letters such as I, N, M, W and a few others. An art degree isn't needed; just maintain proportions. Spacing between letters should be about half the width of a letter and a full width between words.

Now that the basics have been completed, let's move on to the weaving preparations. Weaving will proceed from the left, toward the right. As with the number 1, any thread placed to the left will be an exposed thread. All those on the right will be under the base wrap and concealed.

The example used will be my boat's name, as weaved on my tagging stick. Each letter is 15 threads tall and 12

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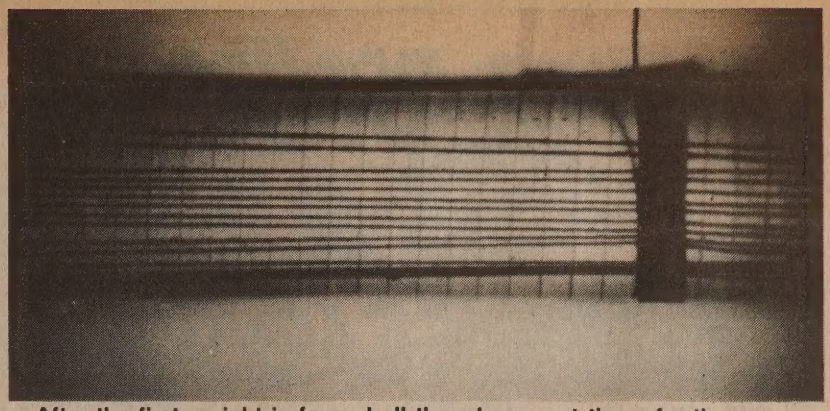

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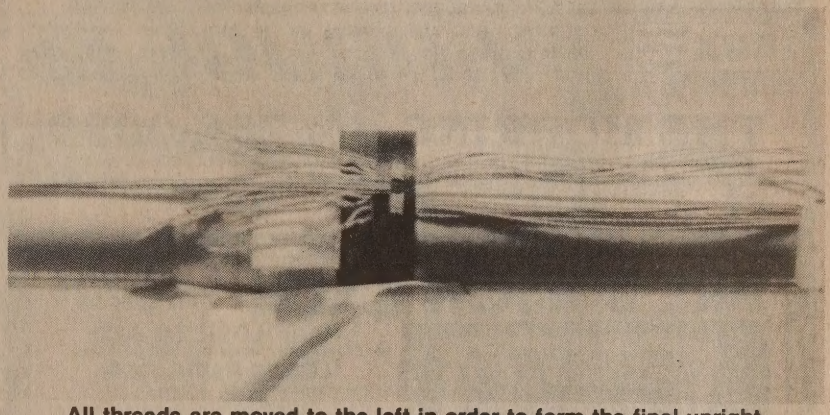

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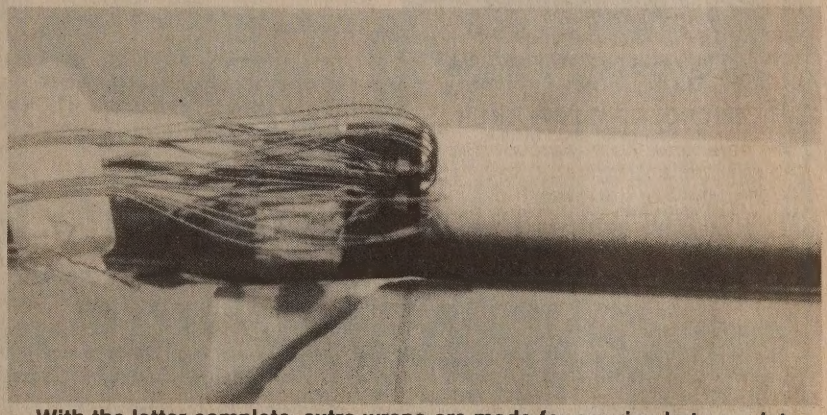

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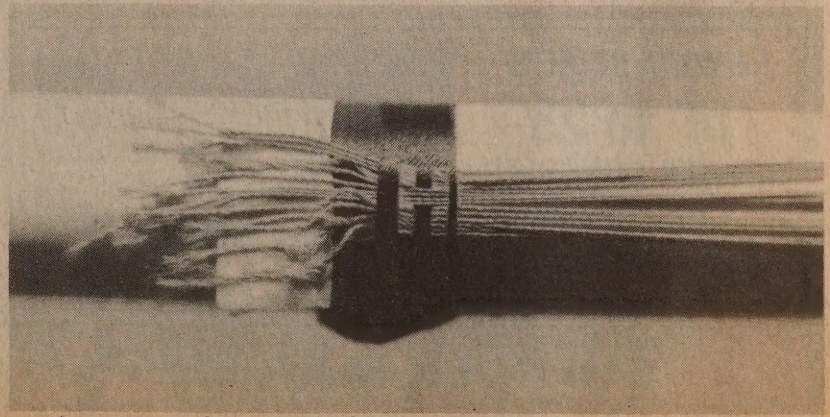

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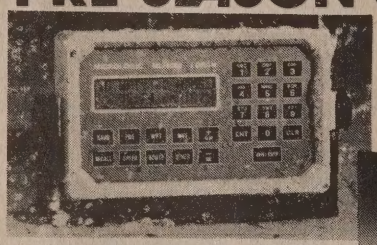
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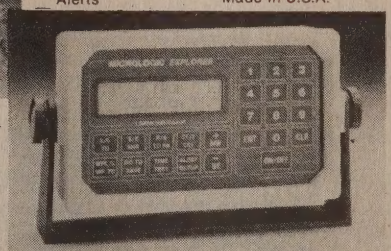
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wide. The height is represented by the horizontally laid threads and each base wrap equals one-twelfth of the width. Therefore, 12 base wraps are needed for each letter.

The following is a step by step breakdown containing every detail. This is the reason for the excessive length, so don't let it deter your attempt.

1. Cut 15 strands of red thread about 5 inches long.

2. Wrap a half inch of blue base wrap on the blank and tape the tag end to prevent it from unraveling.

3. Place a strip of double stick tape, one inch to the right of where the weave will end (tape A).

4. Place a strip of double stick tape one inch to the left of the started base wrap (tape B).

5. Place a second strip of double tape two inches to the left of tape B (tape C).

6. Secure the 15 red threads across tape A and B. They must be closely spaced, parallel and not crossing each other.

7. Wrap the base wrap 5 times around the weave threads to secure them.

8. Bring all 15 red threads, on tape A, to the left and place them on tape C (start of the letter H).

9. Wrap the base wrap 4 times around bare blank (space for first upright of H).

10. Place red threads 1 to 6 and 10 to 15 to the right, on tape A (threads 7 8 9, the cross bar of H, remain on the left. Remember left = exposed, right = under base wrap).

11. Wrap four base wraps (space between the uprights).

12. Place all red threads to the left and secure them on tape C (beginning the second upright).

13. Wrap four base wraps (completing the second upright).

14. Move all red threads to tape A on the right, and spiral 6 base wraps (finish letter plus 6 wraps for spacing).

Now for a quick mathematical review. We are working with a 12-thread wide letter so there are three, 4-thread base wraps, first bar (9), middle space (11), and the last upright (13). The last step, of six spacing wraps, is half the width of the letter. After the technique is practiced a few times, the system will cut itself down to about three moves. As always, the first time around is the most difficult.

This format of moving the weaving threads, interspaced with base wrap rotations, is common to all letters of the alphabet. Only the right and left position of threads will vary. For instance, to change the H to a U, the 13, 14, 15 threads, in step eleven, would be placed to the left instead of 7-9.

By now you should have the general idea. If it's still a little hazy, don't worry. Next week's detailed schematic will clear up any doubts. It not only makes letter weaving a snap, but can also be used for any design. We'll also cover design alignments, manipulation of threads and other finishing touches.

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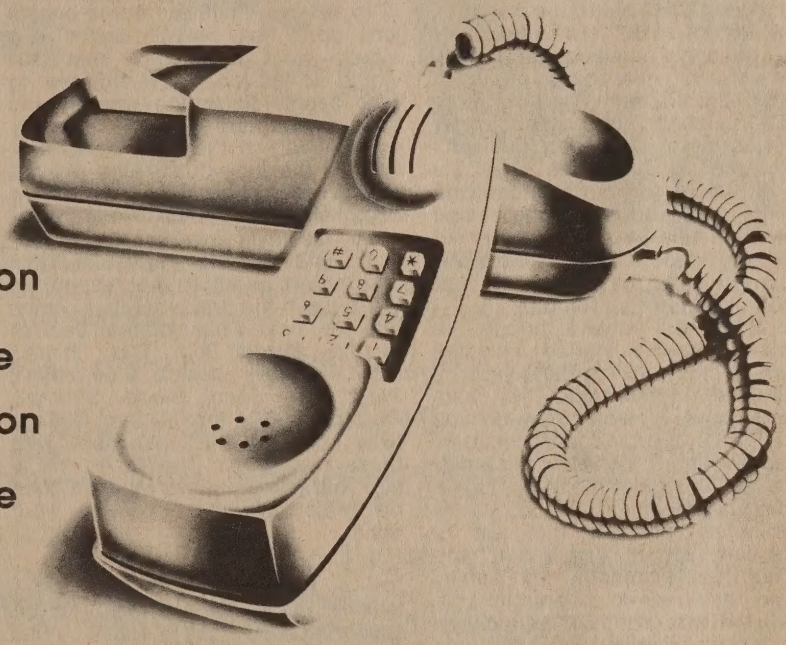

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A TEST FOR FISHERMEN

by Rich Zaleski

I remember reading the results of a survey in one of the outdoor magazines a few years back, in which respondents were asked the question, "Why do you fish?" The responses were varied, but relaxation and excitement were both near the top of the list and were both mentioned by more than 60 percent of the respondents.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but don't those results indicate that there's a substantial number of fishermen who either find relaxation exciting or find excitement relaxing? No wonder so many non-fishermen seem to believe that we of the fishing persuasion aren't casting from a full reel.

As with most surveys though, the problem probably started with the failure of those writing the questions to understand the topic they were asking about. I mean "Why do you fish?," is a pretty dumb question. "Because I'm a *fisherman*, stupid! What do you expect me to do, juggle bowling pins?"

While all fishermen fish, not all those who fish are *"fishermen,"* and the first step in running that survey should have been to differentiate between the two groups. The question "Why do you fish?" is not the same question as "Why are you a fisherman?" Problem is, the only ones who can appreciate the difference are *fishermen*. The ones who list relaxation and "a chance to get outdoors" as reasons for fishing, are probably just "people who fish." The *fishermen* are the ones with the unique, subconscious thought process that automatically sorts through incoming data, selects those bits and pieces of information that are in some way related to fishing or can somehow be applied to fishing, stores them away and discards all of the unimportant remainder.

That's why we can remember how many blues we caught during that hurricane in '72, but not what our wife got us for our birthday last year. Unless, of course, it was a new reel. Heck, a lot of us can't even remember our birthday. Gotta save those particular memory cells to remember the date that trout season opens on in 14 different states and three Canadian provinces.

A *fisherman* can only remember one story by Hemingway: The Old Man and the Sea. But he probably knows what Hemingway's favorite billfish teasers were.

What that survey needed was a way to separate the *fishermen* from the people who happen to fish, and those who don't fish at all. (Hard as it is to believe, there are some people who don't fish...really!) Below is a simple word association test that would do the job. I gave this test to four people (including myself) and their answers are recorded here. Obviously, two of them are *fishermen*. One of the individuals who did not give answers typical of a *fisherman* does fish, or at least he claims to. The other has never fished in his life.

You may want to give yourself this test before reading the responses. Write down the first word that comes into your head when you read each of the key words: *Dog.., Cat.., Bone.., Flat.., White.., Black.., Blue.., Fly.., Plug.., Surf.., Sand.., Blood.., Shrimp.., Peacock.., Salt.., Fresh.., Sun.., Nylon..* Now compare your responses with those that follow. There's no "Scoring," but your answers will be a good barometer of what occupies your mind.

RESPONDENT NO. 1

KEY WORD	RESPONSE
Dog	Fish
Cat	Fish
Bone	Fish
Flat	Fish
White	Fish
Black	Fish
Blue	Fish
Fly	Fishing
Plug	Lure
Surf	Fishing
Sand	Worm
Blood	Worm
Shrimp	Bait
Peacock	Bass
Salt	Water
Fresh	Water
Sun	Fish
Nylon	Monofilament

RESPONDENT NO. 2

KEY WORD	RESPONSE
Dog	Food
Cat	Morris
Bone	Dry
Flat	Pancake
White	Shirt
Black	Blue
Blue	Sky
Fly	Eastern
Plug	Leak
Surf	Board
Sand	Beach
Blood	Red
Shrimp	Cocktail
Peacock	NBC
Salt	Pepper
Fresh	Fruit
Sun	Tan
Nylon	Stockings

RESPONDENT NO. 3

KEY WORD	RESPONSE
Dog	Turd
Cat	Fish
Bone	Break
Flat	Sandworms
White	Bass
Black	Bass
Blue	Bird
Fly	In
Plug	Popper
Surf	Cast
Sand	Eel
Blood	Knot
Shrimp	Boat
Peacock	Turkey
Salt	Water
Fresh	Water
Sun	Burn
Nylon	Rope

RESPONDENT NO. 4

KEY WORD	RESPONSE
Dog	Cat
Cat	Dog
Bone	Head
Flat	Top
White	Pure
Black	Shoes
Blue	Fish
Fly	Paper
Plug	Nickel
Surf	's up
Sand	Box
Blood	Red
Shrimp	Cocktail
Peacock	Proud
Salt	Pepper
Fresh	Fish
Sun	Tan
Nylon	DuPont

Obviously, two of the respondents in this word association test would be acceptable subjects to surveys about fishing. Respondent 2 can't possibly be a *fisherman*, because his answers indicate that he spends most of his time parked in front of the TV set, and he ain't watching Orlando Wilson or Mark Sosin. Respondent 4 though, used the word FISH twice, and thus shows latent signs of being a *fisherman*. Unless the fresh bluefish he'd just paid some absurd sum for at the fish market affected his answers.

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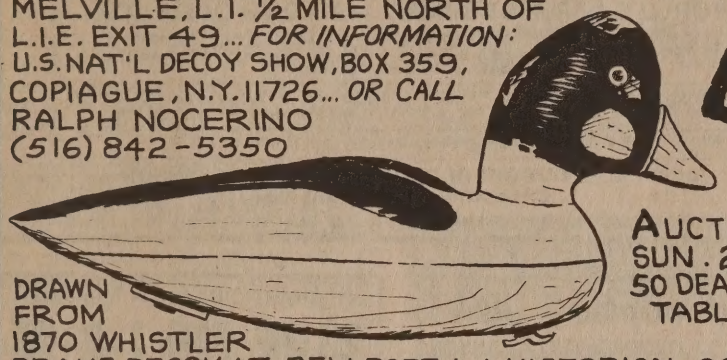

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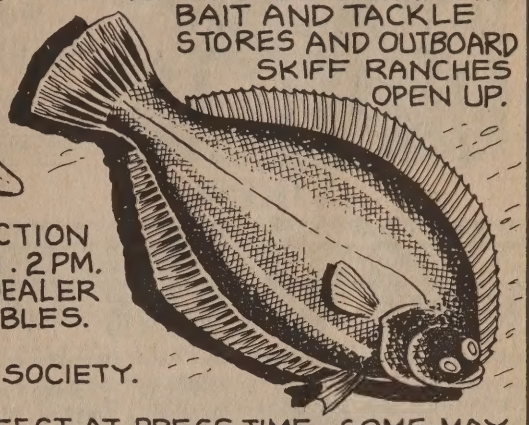

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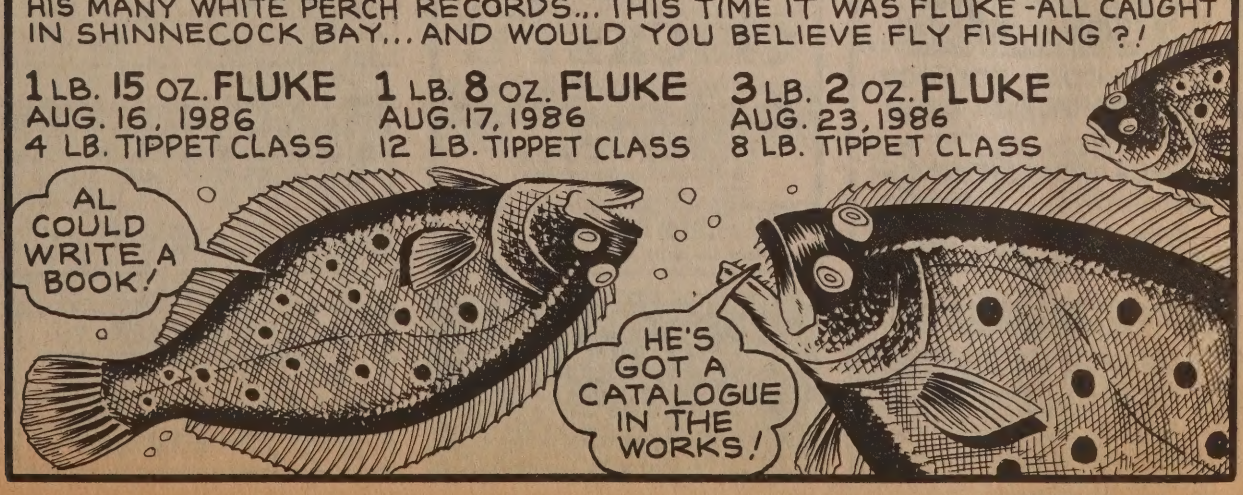

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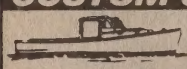

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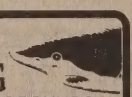

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

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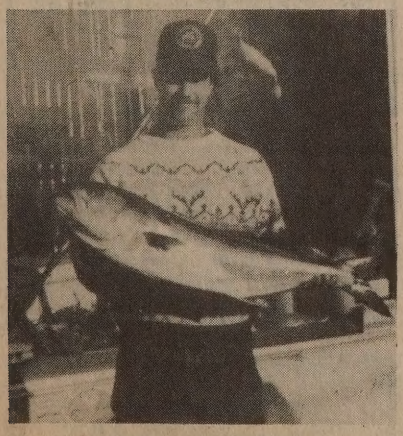
A call to Carl Darenberg, Jr. at **Montauk Marine Basin** revealed that setliners have been doing a decent jog of late on mixed size cod near Block Island. He said there appeared to be two schools of fish, one small and another containing fish over the 40 lb. mark. The Marine Basin has fresh clams in stock for those looking to take a shot at the cod. No word on any flounder activity in the lake as of yet. A reminder that a Montauk chapter of the Thousand Fathom Club is currently being organized. If you're interested or would like more information, give Carl a call at 668-5900.

SOUTH FORK

From **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in Southampton, Thom Speckenbach reported that a number of anglers did attempt to cull a flounder from the Shinnecock Canal. No one was successful as far as he knew. In fact, ice floes were still moving through the canal as recently as Saturday. For those planning on fishing the canal, keep in mind that you can figure lock closings by subtracting three hours from high tide at Shinnecock Inlet.



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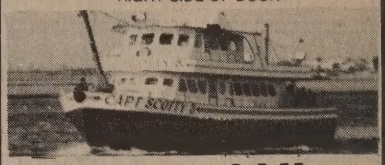

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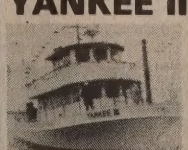

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Thom reminded that he has worms in stock now and will have mussels for the weekend.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Some flounder were caught on the weekend, though the fishing wasn't what it could have been as a result of the most recent deep freeze which left a thick coat of ice on many of our waterways. Water temperatures as low as 34 degrees were reported in Great South Bay on Saturday. Sunday's rains, while washing out the day, also dissolved the last remnants of ice which should help towards moderating water temperatures.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Still no one fishing out of the station according to **L&M Marineland**. The only reservation for the weekend was cancelled due to Sunday's rain. It is expected that this will be the weekend that several boats should give the canal a good shot, weather permitting.

Gary grunseich at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** said that his station will be all set to go on the weekend of the 14th. He's been keeping busy painting boats. No word on any flounder activity in the bay as of yet.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello at **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue said that a few guys tried the Shinnecock Canal with negative results this past week. No local flounder news, but Paul reminded he does have bloodworms and night crawlers in stock and will have mussels for the weekend. Some good trout action in the tidal reaches of the Carman's and Connetquot Rivers. A lot of small ones with a few nice ones among them. Paul suggested crushing the barbs of your hooks to make releasing the little guys easier. Small nymphs, spinners and night crawlers all catching their share of trout.

Al Colbin at **J&R Sport Center** in Oakdale had the first substantial flounder report for the week. Al teamed with John Buchek and George Walters on Saturday. Working near buoy 2, East Islip, the trio put away 21 flatties. Key to the fishing according to Al was lots of stirring of the bottom

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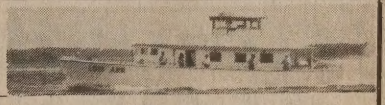

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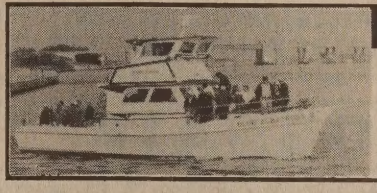

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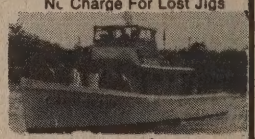

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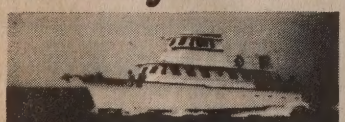

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Captain Neil Delanoy of the Bay Shore open boat **Laura Lee** announced that he will begin his sailing schedule for flounder on Saturday, March 7th. He feels that water temperatures should be near the 40 degree mark by then and expects the flounder should be in a cooperative mood.

Bobby Sprenger, speaking from **Captree Bait and Tackle** said this was their first weekend open and reminded they have worms and mussels in stock. They will be open 7 days a week from this point on. He knew that a couple of boats tried floundering on the weekend with poor results and added that most of the fleet will be set to go for this weekend.

Captain Charlie Kennedy of the Captree open boat **Capt. Joseph II** reported that while Saturday was a beautiful day, water temperatures in the bay were still too cold for the local flounder population. He reported no success with the flatties on either Saturday or Sunday with water temperture readings of 34 and 35 degrees. Thirty-eight to forty degrees is usually the magic number for flatties to become active. He will try again on Friday and expects that a week of mild temperatures will get

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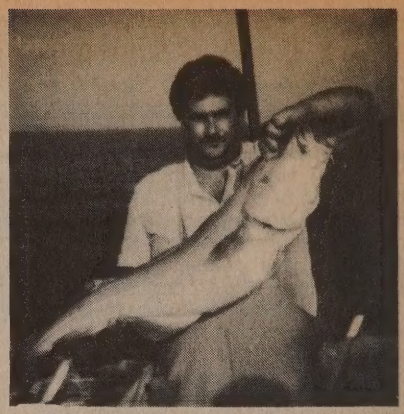

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the fishing going for the weekend. While there was still ice in the east bay on Saturday, Sunday's rain washed away the last of it.

Captain Rod Westerlind of the Captree open boat **Captain Rod** reported similar results, although he did say that one flattie did make it over the rail on Saturday. He, too, felt that a few more degrees in water temperature was needed to kick the fishing into gear and that things should start happening by this coming weekend.

Captain Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen II** asked that we remind his customers that he will be making his maiden trip of the season on Saturday, March 7th. Flounder will be the target.

Not all of the talk at Captree concerned flounder. Captain George Tweedy of the open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** continued his quest for cod on the Fire Island Wrecks. He reported fish of mixed sizes this week, from rats to 40 pounders with some 8 to 20 pounders mixing in. Best catch of the week totalled 75 cod, while most other days saw total catches of 30 to 40 cod. The boats special cod pool is now over the $1,000 mark. George will continue sailing for cod Friday, Saturday and Sundays at 6AM.

Speaking from **Augie's Tackle Shop** in Babylon Tom Healy said that a lot of worms went out of the shop on Saturday. However, no one reported back on how they did with the flatties. The only confirmed flounder reports Tom had came from some clammers who reported a few nice big flounder taken off of the Heckscher-East Islip shore on fresh clams. Some also being taken in their tongs. Bruce Morabito and Ken Mearns have been catching some sea run trout pretty regularly in the tidal reaches of the Connetquot River. No white perch mixed with them, but they have had trout up to 16 inches.

From **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in Lindenhurst Jimmy Schafer said that couple of locals told of taking a few

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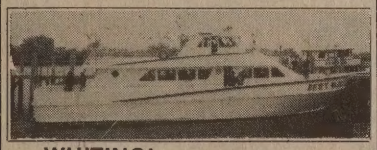

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flounder in the state channel near Amityville. Heavy chumming with fresh mussels and corn was the ticket. The shop is now open 7 days a week and all flounder bait and chum is in stock. One customer stopped on Sunday to show three white perch he reportedly took below Argyle Lake on Sunday. Jimmy knew of just a couple of perch picked at Bergen Point this past week.

Over at **Edelman's** in Farmingdale, Frank Pristera reported that he and Frank Annebell pooled their efforts on Saturday to drill a pair of flatties out of the mud at Bergen Point. He also reminded that Frank Johnson of Mold Craft Lures will be in the Farmingdale Store on Sunday, March 15th from 10AM to 4PM to discuss offshore techniques.

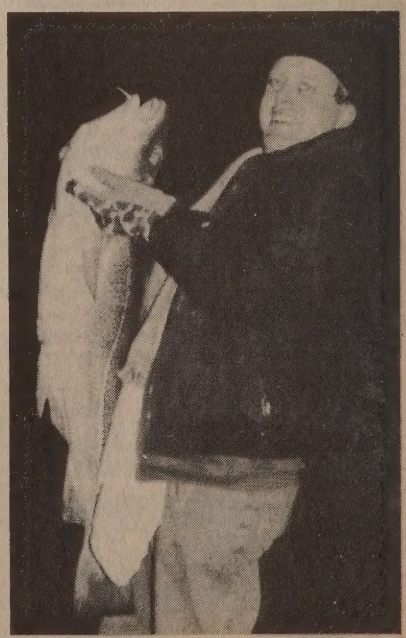
Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor had a worthwhile catch of flounder to report. On Saturday, Dick Kissel worked between the Amityville Cut and Gilgo in the State Channel to take 8 flatties averaging a pound apiece. He used bloodworms. Bob reminded that they have worms and mussels in stock and that the shop is now on a full schedule. Bob did know from several customers that they have been slowly picking away at flounder at the Jones Beach piers to the tune of 1 or 2 a man.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

Codfishing continues to be a slow to fair pick, depending on the day and conditions. Lunker of the week was a 48 pounder, but most fish have been running a whole lot smaller. Also note that the smaller cod are the best by taste test.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

At **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh, we learned that Mike Weaver bagged a 3 lb. 12 oz. sea run brown trout at Carman's River. Just a couple of flounders were picked in the State Channel on mussels this past week. Mike knew of some small cod taken on the offshore wrecks by private boats,



LIF subscriber Fred Adlman shows the 29 lb. cod that earned him the pool on a January trip aboard the Freeport based open boat, "Super Spray II."

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but no details further than that.

Out of Freeport, Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II** got out several days this past week bagging up to 75 cod per trip. Saturday's catch included a 48 lb. cow cod. The skipper is tying the boat up now until around mid-March and will be performing all the necessary painting and mechinical work in order to put the boat in tiptop shape for the season.

A call came in from Captain Mike Dannon of the brand new **Capt. Lou VI**. He said that the clock is ticking and that the first trips for both boats will be this Saturday, March 7th. The big 75 foot aluminum super cruiser said Mike, has a full galley, heated rails, large heated cabin, color TV, stereo, VCR, all the latest fish finding gear, etc. Let's hope that the fish cooperate and help make the opening weekend dynamite.

Over in Pt. Lookout, we learned that the **Capt. Al** got out two days this past week. Friday's catch for nine fares was 20 cod and Saturday's catch was 25 cod with all fish in the 6 to 8 lb. range. Action was on wrecks and hard bottom with no dogs or blackfish mixed in at all.

NEW YORK BIGHT

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, Captain Joe of the **Helen H** through midweek has been having good to excellent ling and whiting fishing locally. He also asked us to let you know that the boat is now doing special offshore cod and pollock wreck trips. Call for dates and reservations if interested. See ad for details.

Located directly across from the Sheepshead Bay fleet, **Mike's Tackle** advised that the Ranger and Friendship had a catch of some 2 to 4 pound cod fishing wrecks and open bottom to the east this past week. Whiting has been generally slow with a few ling being picked at New Grounds. There have been very few blackfish caught this past week. Charlie expects the

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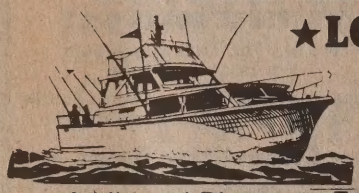

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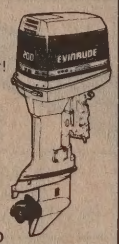

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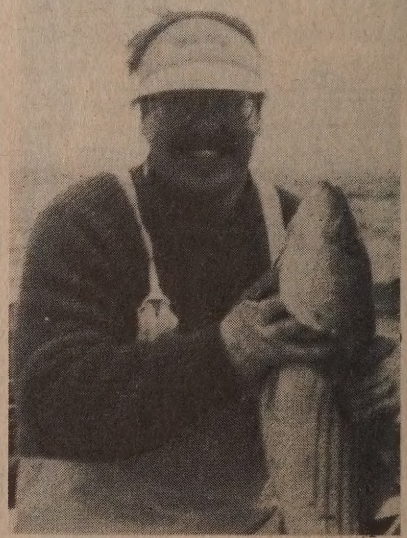
flounder boats to start doing their thing this weekend, so there will be more to report of flattie news soon.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

A bit too early for any flounder news on this side of the island. Some whiting action reported in some of the harbors and very good bass action through the winter at Lilco. Flounder fishing still probably a couple of weeks off in these parts.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Stan Hentschel at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reported that casters working Mt. Sinai inlet with clams have been picking away at whiting through much of the winter. Bass fishing at the Northport Lilco outflow has been excellent, with a lot of small stripers but some to 20 lbs. being taken on 5½ inch sinking swimmers, whiptails and eel worms. The fishing was particularly hot two weeks ago with small bass reportedly being taken on nearly every cast. As for flounder news, a couple of customers trekked down to the Quogue Canal on the south shore in recent weeks and reported picking a few flatties there. Nothing locally.



Ed O'Connel displays an estimated 15 lb. striper, one of seven he, Tom Cuthel and John Marchese boated and released in Plum Gut last fall. The trio also landed 30 blues from 3 to 8 pounds.

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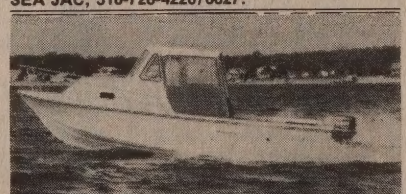

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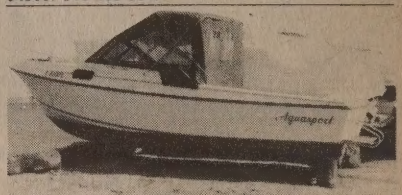

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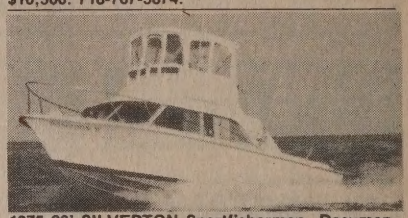

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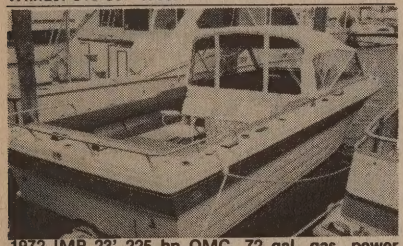

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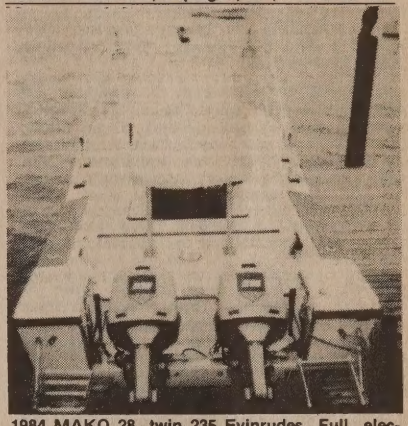

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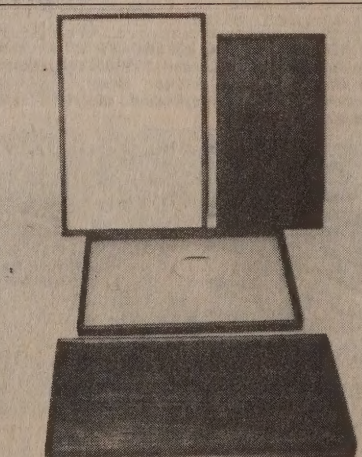

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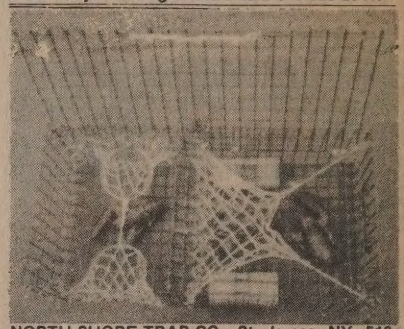

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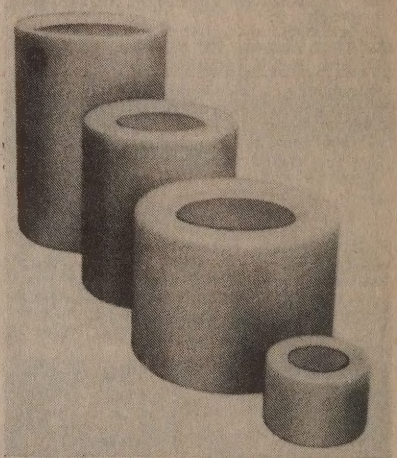

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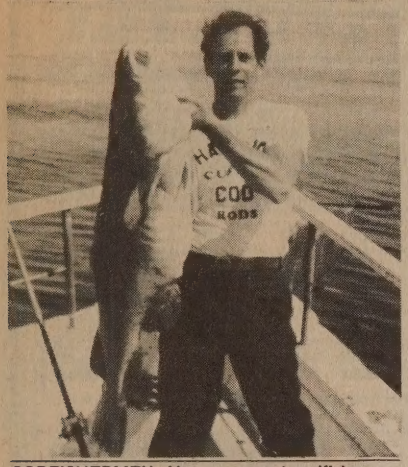

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	11:35	11:55	12:05	12:25	12:05	12:25	12:55	1:25	3:00	3:35	2:45	3:15	11:30	11:55	3/5
FRI.	—	12:20	12:50	1:15	12:50	1:10	1:50	2:20	3:50	4:35	3:35	4:05	—	12:20	3/6
SAT.	12:45	1:15	1:45	2:10	1:35	2:00	2:50	3:25	4:55	5:45	4:30	5:05	12:55	1:20	3/7
SUN.	1:35	2:15	2:45	3:10	2:30	3:05	3:50	4:35	6:10	6:55	5:25	6:05	1:55	2:25	3/8
MON.	2:35	3:20	3:50	4:15	3:35	4:15	4:50	5:35	7:15	7:50	6:25	7:00	2:55	3:25	3/9
TUES.	3:45	4:25	4:50	5:15	4:35	5:15	5:45	6:20	8:10	8:45	7:20	7:55	3:55	4:20	3/10
WED.	4:45	5:20	5:45	6:00	5:35	6:05	6:30	7:05	9:00	9:25	8:10	8:40	4:45	5:10	3/11
THURS.	5:35	6:05	6:30	6:45	6:20	6:45	7:10	7:40	9:40	10:00	8:55	9:20	5:30	5:50	3/12

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehobeth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 3/5	6:29	5:53
FRI. 3/6	6:28	5:55
SAT. 3/7	6:27	5:57
SUN. 3/8	6:25	5:58
MON. 3/9	6:23	5:59
TUE. 3/10	6:21	6:00
WED. 3/11	6:20	6:01

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 3/5	9:00AM	—
FRI. 3/6	9:35AM	12:20AM
SAT. 3/7	10:15AM	1:25AM
SUN. 3/8	11:00AM	2:25AM
MON. 3/9	11:50AM	3:15AM
TUE. 3/10	12:55PM	4:00AM
WED. 3/11	2:00PM	4:35AM

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3/28	3/7	3/15	3/22

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	9:10	**3:00**	9:40	**3:25**
Fri.	10:05	**3:55**	10:35	**4:20**
Sat.	10:55	**4:45**	11:25	**5:10**
Sun.	11:45	**5:35**	—	**6:00**
Mon.	12:15	**6:20**	12:30	**6:45**
Tues.	1:00	**7:10**	1:20	**7:35**
Wed.	1:50	**7:55**	2:05	**8:20**
Thurs.	2:35	**8:40**	2:50	**9:00**

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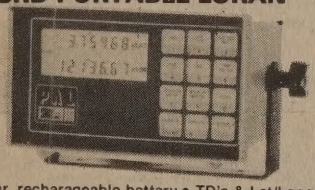

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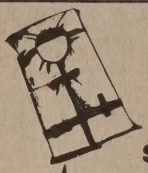

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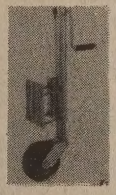

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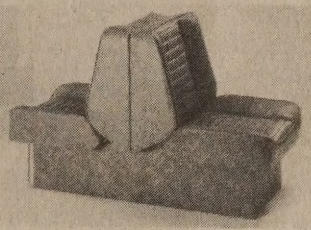

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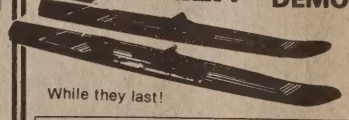

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